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Comment Of The Day

Manner matters

THE correspondence which has found its way into our office this last week discusses very freely Hongkong manners in general, and certain classes of Hongkong society in particular.

The conclusion we are forced to accept is that in many respects, Hongkong is a very rude place.

Why this is we do not know, for one would imagine that living in such a delightful place, would have created a set of charming people.

But in this Colony where every prospect pleases, we have to admit that there are too many people who are downright rude.

Why is it? We feel ourselves at a loss to answer. On the other hand, we can say that the problem is not new. During the 115 years the China Mail has found a public, the correspondence columns of this paper have always been liberally sprinkled with letters drawing attention to someone's outrageous manners.

Does the answer lie in some mysterious shadow line geographically situated somewhere east of Suez, so that as the ship or plane crosses it, certain people experience a sea change?

If not, how are you to explain that strange metamorphosis whereby quite pleasant people become aloof, arrogant, and particularly unapproachable?

Elsewhere they are quite nice neighbours. In his pleasant suburban villa, the man next door is quite a chap to talk to. He will discuss with enthusiasm the prospects of the garden plot, and how he's going to show the street what his chrysanthemums will do before the autumn's out, but set him down in Hongkong, and where is your good neighbour now?

And then Mrs. next-door-neighbour, a most delightful lady, a pleasant and expert shopper, always ready to discuss the shops, and spend a most entertaining afternoon busying herself preparing for the weekly bridge party at which she will call a quite unjustifiable two-n-o-trumps.

But let her come to Hongkong, and where is her charm and good companionship now?

Back at home, these people would never dream of standing up and creating an embarrassing scene in a popular restaurant. There would be no "send for the manager" nonsense. At the most, there would be a quiet reproach for the waiter in question.

There would be a courteous good morning for the butcher, the postman, and even the chap who's come to live in the road, although, strictly speaking, he's an artisan rather than a professional man. But here in Hongkong, all that is left behind, to know, or not to know, that is the question.

Now all this could be a good laugh, as a matter of fact, in the hands of a Somerset Maugham. It is a good laugh, but we who have lived in the East for any time realise there is another side to all this.

A great deal could be accomplished if we had a "Be Polite Week" in which everyone determined to do their best no matter what the circumstances; to keep their tempers and to offer the kindly salutation, when circumstances permitted.

At any rate, life would be pleasanter all round if people would only try.

Commissioner takes action

Two Police NCOs have been called on to retire and 12 other NCOs have been demoted, following an inquiry into why Police had not detected a wide-scale gambling racket in Hongkong's Western District.

This action was announced today by the Commissioner of Police, Mr H. W. E. Heath.

Helicopter picks up injured seaman

London, Aug. 21.

An injured Chinese crewman of the 4,889-ton British merchantman, *Twin-horse*, was transferred from the ship by helicopter to the aircraft carrier, *HMS Albion*, today after he had been injured when falling down a hatch, says an Admiralty announcement.

The *Albion*, 90 miles south of Hongkong, was awaiting her turn to refuel when the *Twin-horse*, about 60 miles away, sent a message asking for immediate medical attention for the injured man, Lam Ka-ling.

He was the Captain's boy. After the merchantman had been located by an *Albion* Skyraider, two helicopters were directed to the ship. A doctor was aboard one helicopter.

Lam Ka-ling, who had severe lacerations, but was not seriously hurt, was transferred by the helicopter to *Albion's* sick bay for treatment. He will be landed at Hongkong on Tuesday.—AFP.

POWERS' CLEMENCY PETITION

Moscow, Aug. 21.

A petition for clemency for U.S. pilot Francis Gary Powers, convicted by the Russians of espionage, has been drawn up by three U.S. lawyers who accompanied members of the Powers family to Moscow for the trial.

Mr Alexander Parker said the petition would be submitted tomorrow at the office of the Soviet President, Mr Leonid I. Brezhnev.

Contents of the petition were not made public. Powers' Russian defence lawyer, Mr Mikhail Grinyov, had advised the U.S. lawyers to keep it short and simple and to have it signed by members of the pilot's family.

The American lawyers indicated this would be done. Powers' wife Barbara and his parents, Mr and Mrs Oliver Powers, said they planned to remain in their hotel today. They hoped they might have another meeting with Powers before he was taken off to prison.

Nearly a page of the official newspaper *Pravda* was devoted to a re-analysis of the Powers case.

One writer commented that Powers "could have done good things except for his crazy for money."

Moscow newspapers have made little reference to the presence of Powers' family being here, but those few Russians who will talk about the case to foreigners are now expressing some sympathy for the family.

Before the trial most of these had expressed astonishment that the parents and wife would wait to see him.—AFP.

The inquiry showed however that there was no actual evidence that any Police officer had acted corruptly. The full statement released by Government this morning said:

Large scale

On February 23 this year officers of the Criminal Investigation Department raided a gambling school on the waterfront at Kennedy Town and arrested five members of a triad society. Documents found during the search indicated that the premises had been used for gambling on a large scale over a considerable period prior to the raid.

In view of this the Commissioner of Police directed that an enquiry should be held to ascertain why gambling on such a scale had not been detected and dealt with in accordance with the law.

The enquiry was recently completed, and the Commissioner of Police is satisfied that:

- 1. The gambling was organised by members of triad societies and
- 2. There is no actual evidence that any Police officer had acted corruptly in respect of this gambling.

However, the Commissioner considers that a number of NCOs who were attached to Western Police Station, and with specific supervisory duties in the particular area, during the period this gambling school was in operation have, by virtue of their failure to locate and report its existence, failed to maintain the high standard of duty performance expected of all NCOs.

Lower rank

Consequently, the Commissioner has directed that one senior CID non-commissioned officer and one uniform-branch corporal be called upon to retire; that 12 other uniform-branch NCOs be reverted to lower rank.

U.S. Army officer commits suicide

Laurel, Md., Aug. 21.

Police reported that a young U.S. Army officer doing classified work for the National Security Agency committed suicide today in his car near here.

Detective Henry Schoen of the Prince George's County Police identified the dead man as 1st Lieut. Martin Harrison Innet, 23. Mr Schoen said that although Innet left no note, officials had found circumstances which might explain the suicide. But they said these could not be revealed because of the nature of the officer's work.

Mr Schoen said Innet killed himself by spraying the interior of his car with petrol, placing a two-gallon tin of petrol beneath him and striking a match.

The lieutenant lived with his wife, Elise, in Laurel. She is expecting her first child.—UPI

POWERS GETS TEN YEARS



Francis Gary Powers (left), American pilot of the downed U-2, is escorted into the Hall of Columns in Moscow, for the third and last day of his trial for espionage. He was sentenced to ten years and deprivation of liberty, including three in jail.—AP.

SEVEN BOYS DIE IN CAR CRASH

South Hero, Vt., Aug. 21.

Seven youths who grew up together and were inseparable friends in life died together today in the screeching crash of a car.

The car slammed sideways into a huge roadside maple tree after skidding some 500 feet along a road as the seven sped home at 3 a.m., after an evening of fun.

All seven were thrown from the two-door sedan when it hit the tree and pivoted around it. The oldest boy was 20, the youngest 18.

Six were pronounced dead at the scene. The seventh died minutes after he was taken to a hospital about 10 miles away.

Pall of gloom

News of the tragic deaths cast a pall of gloom in Winooski, Vermont, where all seven were born, and grew up.

Arrangements were under way to have their bodies lie in state in the auditorium of the Winooski high school and to be buried after a joint Catholic mass on Wednesday.

Doctors were called for at least three of the mothers, who collapsed from the shock.

Mayor Bernard L. Sumner said "Winooski is a city of only 7,062 persons. Everybody knew everybody else. All seven boys were well-known in town. We all know their families. This saddens everyone."

"Those boys were a wonderful group. They have never been in trouble. They expended their energies mostly in athletics and were prominent members of the city-sponsored Teenage Club."

Winooski is in the north-west corner of Vermont, only

50 miles from the Canadian border.

State Police Lieutenant A. E. Alexander said the boys had indicated last night they were going in the one car to Rouses Point, New York, about 40 miles to the north.

He said they were en route home in the early morning hours when their car skidded out of control in the town of South Hero when they were barely a half-dozen miles from home.—AP.

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Margaret expecting baby?

Balmoral, Aug. 21.

Princess Margaret celebrated her 30th birthday today amid reports that she is expecting a baby.

The London Sunday Dispatch said there were "persistent reports" to this effect.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman declined to comment. Princess Margaret and Mr Armstrong-Jones spent the day with other members of the Royal Family at Balmoral Castle in the Scottish highlands.—UPI

RUSSIA CHALLENGES HAMMARSKJOLD'S CONGO POLICY

United Nations, Aug. 21.

Russia, in an open break with the UN Secretary-General Mr Dag Hammarskjold, challenged his Congo policy today and charged that the United Nations was considering the dispatch of a "Nato foreign legion" to the African country.

The Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Vasily V. Kuznetsov, warned of Russian help for the Congolese Premier, Mr Lumumba if that happened.

"If we agree to the formation of a foreign legion or the sending of Belgian or other Nato volunteers that, in fact, would simply be a relabelling of aggression," Mr Kuznetsov said. "We cannot fail to see that this might lead to a flood of real volunteers from among the countries of Africa as well as the countries of other continents which may be loyal friends of an independent Congo."

Mr Kuznetsov based his allegation about a "Nato foreign legion" on the dispatch of a Canadian contingent which Russia has demanded be withdrawn from the UN force in the Congo.

Crisis session

Mr Hammarskjold, who opened the Sunday crisis session by rejecting Mr Lumumba's challenge to his policy of UN neutrality toward the secession of mineral-rich Katanga Province, rose quickly to Mr Kuznetsov's criticism.

The Canadians were sent to the Congo, he said, because he needed bilingual signmen he could not get from any other country. Although he followed the rule that no troops from any permanent member of the Security Council be included in a UN Force, he said, "I do not look at either the Nato or Warsaw Pact groups or any

other group as excluding countries."

He said he had, in fact, asked Russia's ally, Poland, for an ordinance unit and a medical group for the Congo "but this has led to nothing."

Mr Hammarskjold said he was negotiating now for more UN force units from the United Arab Republic, Indonesia, Sudan, India, Ceylon and Burma.

Seriously injured

Fourteen Canadians were beaten by Congolese troops at Leopoldville airport on Thursday and four of them seriously injured. Mr Kuznetsov charged that the incident resulted from "illegal acts" by the Canadians.

Mr Hammarskjold pointed out that the airport incident involved not only the Canadians, but Moroccans and Indians who were also arriving.

The Tunisian Ambassador, Mr Mongi Slim, the only African member of the council, expressed support for Mr Hammarskjold's handling of the Congo crisis.

Mr Kuznetsov denounced Mr Hammarskjold's neutrality policy and said the Secretary-General's interpretation of Security Council resolutions have "no legal or binding value."

Mr Hammarskjold's directives, therefore, the Russian said, "are his personal opinion."

Mr Hammarskjold said he did not want to enter into argument. But he said:

"Let me just point out that the Security Council asked me to implement its resolutions. Implementation means interpretation. That interpretation is challenged. I refer the matter back to the Security Council. I have a right to expect guidance. It can be given in many forms but if it is not given, I have no other course than to follow my conviction."

Threatened

In effect, Mr Hammarskjold was telling Mr Kuznetsov that he had outlined his neutrality views before the council approved—with the Soviet vote included—a resolution on August 9 and that Russia should have objected then if at all.

Mr Kuznetsov's outspoken criticism of Mr Hammarskjold threatened a break with the UN Secretary-General's office more serious than any since Russia forced the resignation of Norway's Mr Trygve Lie in 1952.

Mr Kuznetsov said: Mr Hammarskjold gave only partial information on the number of Belgian troops not yet withdrawn from the Congo in compliance with the council's directive and implied that Belgium was sending its effective forces from remote parts of the jungle country into Katanga.

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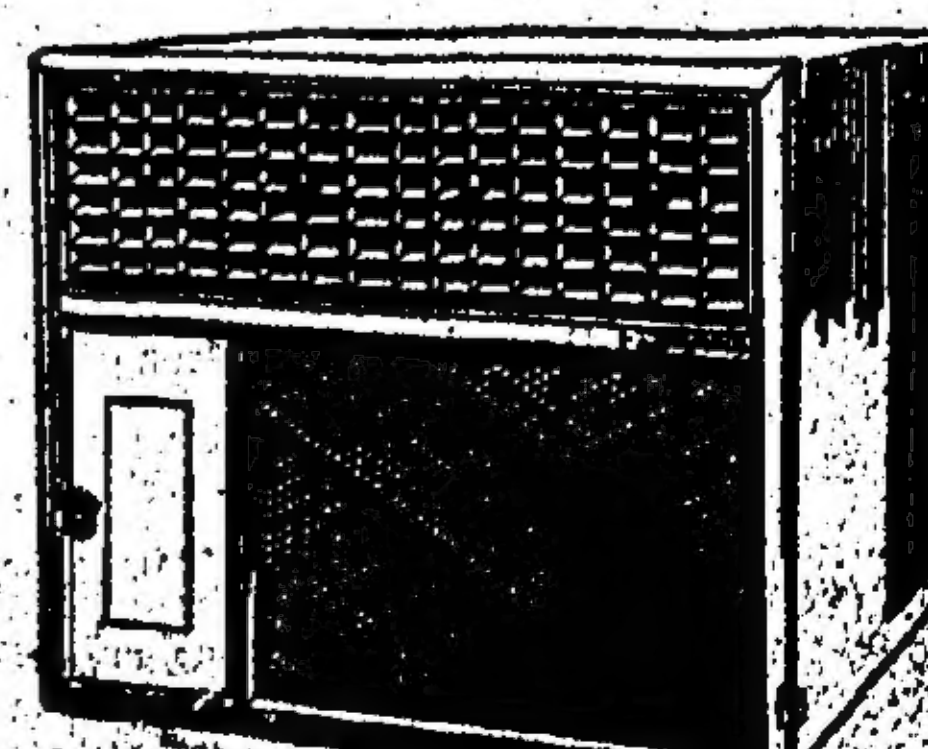
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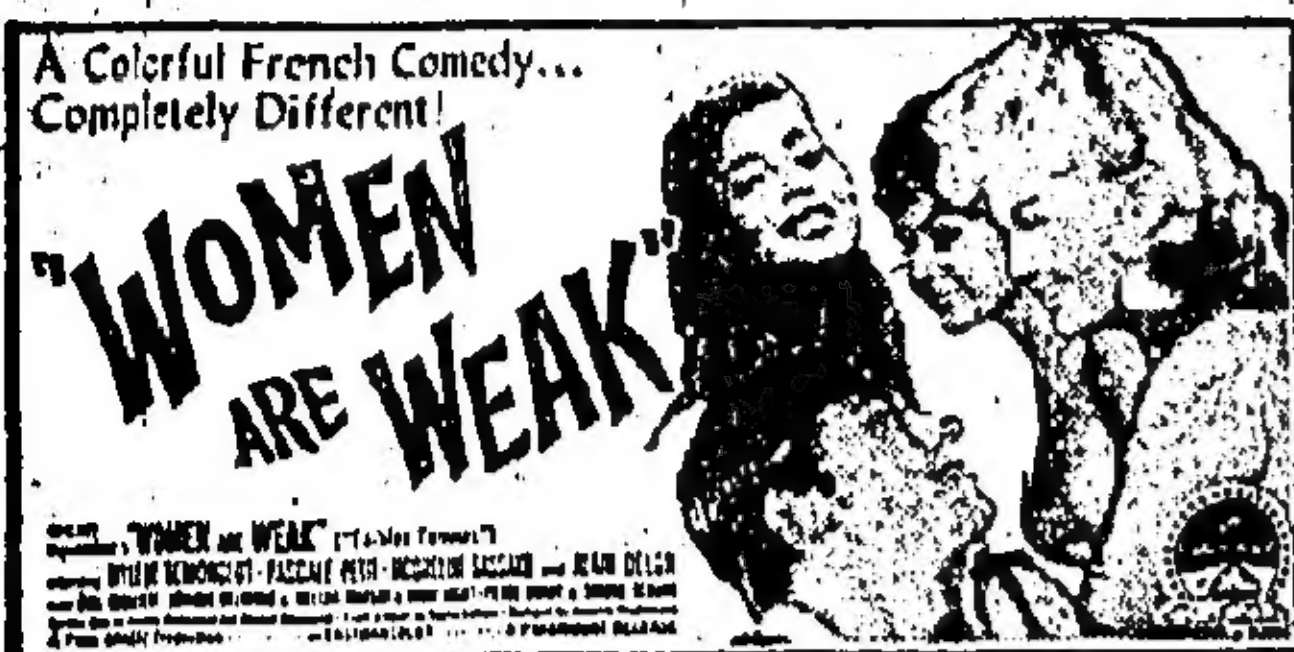
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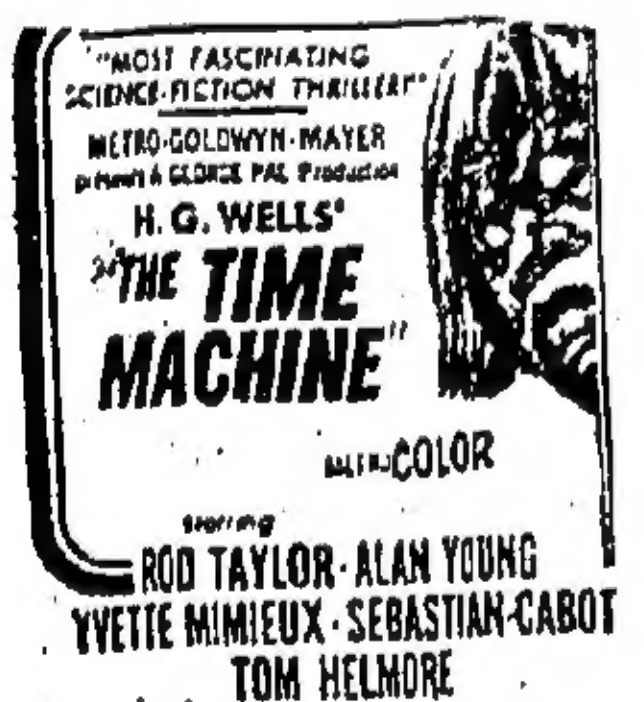
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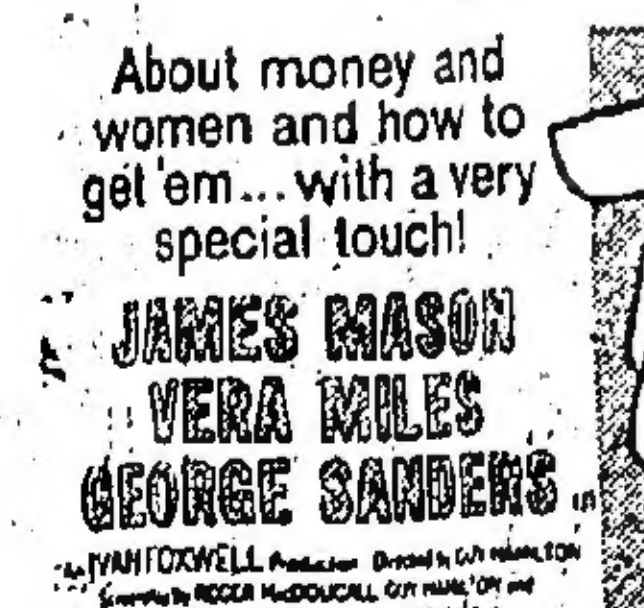
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Conference

begins at HKU

How to increase the income of the people of Asia is the problem being talked over this week by more than 40 economists from 11 lands.

They are meeting at the University of Hongkong for the First Asian Conference of the International Association for Research in Income and Wealth. A speech of welcome was given at today's opening session by Professor Y. C. Wong, Acting Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University.

Professor Jan Tinbergen of the Netherlands, School of Economics, the chairman, said the intention behind the conference is to help solve pressing economic problems of this part of the world.

The 12 sessions of the conference will extend to Saturday, when the final address will be given by Professor Raymond Goldsmith of the United States National Bureau of Economic Research.

On Wednesday, delegates will meet at the Hongkong Club with the Hongkong Economic Association. Professor Tinbergen will speak.

On Thursday the Department of Commerce and Industry will show visitors around the Colony's industrial and resettlement estates.

New Lord
of Appeal

London, Aug. 21. Lord Justice Hodson has been appointed Lord of Appeal in ordinary in place of Lord Cohen who is resigning, from September 30, it was announced.

Lord Justice Hodson, who is 65, has been a member of the permanent Court of Arbitration of The Hague since 1949.

He is also president of the British branch of the International Law Association—China Mail Special.

WOMAN'S DRUG
TERM CUT
BY ONE YEAR

A young married woman serving a three-year sentence for possession of a large quantity of heroin, had her sentence reduced to two years by Mr Justice W. A. Blair-Kerr in the Appeals Court this morning.

Mr Justice Blair-Kerr said he had reduced the sentence in view of the woman's clear record.

The woman, Hui Sin-ying, 22, said she had not realised before that drugs possession would constitute such a serious offence.

She pleaded that her husband was unemployed and she had to support a family of several children and an 80-year-old mother-in-law.

Mendicant

Mr Justice Blair-Kerr also reduced a maximum sentence of one year to six months passed on an old mendicant, Ding Cheung-wah, who had 18 previous convictions for begging for alms.

Mr Dennis Remedios, Crown Counsel, said he would try to make arrangement for the appellant to be referred to the Social Welfare Department for assistance.

Chinese trainees
commended

A plaque expressing the appreciation of 255 Signals Squadron (Kowloon) for trainees from the Hongkong Chinese Training Unit, was presented to the HKCTU at a parade at Lyemun Barracks this morning.

Over the last 12 years, the HKCTU has provided 255 Squadron with trainees who now form the greater part of the Squadron.

Staff Sergeant Chu Fook-hung, the Squadron's senior Hongkong NCO presented the plaque to his old unit, which was received by Major J. A. Girdwood, East Anglian Regiment, the Officer Commanding the HKCTU.

Thriving trade
in Singapore:
Smuggling apes

From GORDON HUNG

Singapore, Aug. 21. The smuggling of orang-utans into Singapore from Indonesia is now a thriving trade here.

An orang-utan can be bought for a few hundred Rupiahs in Indonesia but it can fetch about M\$3,000 here.

Sometimes, businessmen especially in contract with American concerns pay as high as \$5,000 for an ape.

Small vessels plying to Indonesian ports are said to be smuggling these apes to Singapore and selling them to dealers.

Recently, two masters of Singapore ships were caught in Indonesian waters with orang-utans on board.

One local dealer said that there was a big demand for orang-utans in Singapore.

Banned import

The Federation Government has banned their import in a move to stop the illegal trade in these animals and to prevent them from becoming extinct in Indonesia.

Indonesia, the only country in the world where orang-utans can be found in their natural surroundings, has already imposed strict controls on their export.

The dealers said that there was nothing to stop an orang-utan being shipped out of Singapore to a foreign country.

Once an orang-utan arrives in Singapore, American concerns will pay a high price for it, he said.

Since Indonesia does not allow orang-utans to be exported, a ship master who can smuggle them out stands to gain thousands of dollars, he added.

Signal down

The local storm signal No 1 was lowered at 8 am today as typhoon Elaine began to move eastwards and is no longer likely to affect Hongkong.

The signal was hoisted on Saturday morning. At 9 am today severe tropical storm Carmen was centred about 200 miles south-east of Shanghai and is forecast to move NW at 12 knots for the next six hours.

Taipei, Aug. 21. High seas battered southern Formosa today, collapsing 23 houses and damaging 28 others. Seventy-one persons were made homeless.—AP.

Death of
leading
British
historian

London, Aug. 21. The distinguished British historian Sir Lewis Namier has died in hospital at the age of 72, it was announced today.

Before his retirement in 1953 as Professor of Modern History at Manchester University, Sir Lewis Namier worked in political intelligence at the Foreign Office and participated in various Zionist organisations.

Much of his life was spent in teaching and research at Balliol College, Oxford, where he had been educated.

Sir Lewis Namier was born in Russian Poland. His name was originally Namierowski. The cause of his death on Friday was not disclosed.—AP.

Chinese New
Year debut
for theatre

By ANTHONY FULLER

The new Queen's Theatre will be opened in time for Chinese New Year. This is the estimate of Mr S. T. Wu, the manager.

The new theatre is designed on a luxurious and ambitious scale. It will occupy the lower portion of the 13-storey building now rising on the site of the old theatre.

Entrances can be made via an arcade opening on Queens-road, which will run the length of the building, or by an entrance in Theatre Lane.

An escalator will convey patrons from the arcade to the first floor which will accommodate the stalls; a second escalator will take the circle patrons to their seats.

Fewer seats

Mr S. T. Wu said that the new theatre is designed to seat 950 people as against 1200 in the old one.

The reason given for this reduction is that every member of the audience will occupy a "bodyform" seat cushioned with foam rubber and providing ample leg space.

The second reason is that the new theatre is designed to give every member of the audience a straight-on view of the 50-foot wide screen.

Cinema-goers who patronised the old theatre will find themselves seated facing Queen's-road, the opposite way round to the old theatre.

The projectors are the new giant types which can show the Todd-AO films, and the theatre will be wired to take the multi-sound track.

TO JOIN DBS

Mr William J. Smyly, well-known Hongkong writer and journalist, returned from the United Kingdom in the rms Canton this morning after a year's absence from the Colony. Mr Smyly is to join the teaching staff of Diocesan Boys' School.

Beauty

takes just
10 minutes
a day

Miss Dawn Cowan arrived yesterday afternoon to give talks and consultations on beauty. She is the representative of Miss Helena Rubinstein.

"Ten minutes proper care daily is enough to keep the skin in good condition," says Miss Cowan. She has given this advice to women all over the world.

Advice on the care of the skin in a hot and humid climate, and on diet, will be included in Miss Cowan's talks.

She is in charge of two departments of Helena Rubinstein in London and has come here via New York. She will return via Athens, passing through Thailand.

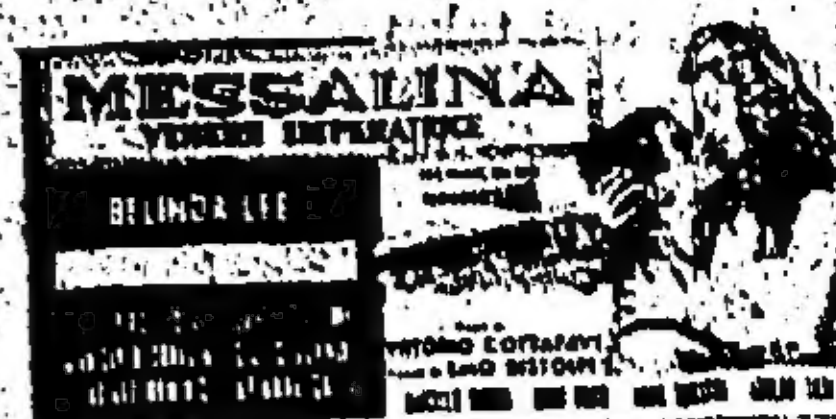
"Greek women are very elegant," she said this morning. "They say Hippocrates recommended the use of cold cream, and certainly Cleopatra used cosmetics; today we realise the need for pure cosmetics and fundamentally for a good diet and proper cleansing of the skin."

She will be addressing the Women's International Club on August 25 at 5.30 p.m. the Kowloon Women's Welfare Club, Ng Chai-sat, at 10 am on August 26 and the Young Women's Christian Association, Hongkong, at 1.15 pm on September 1.

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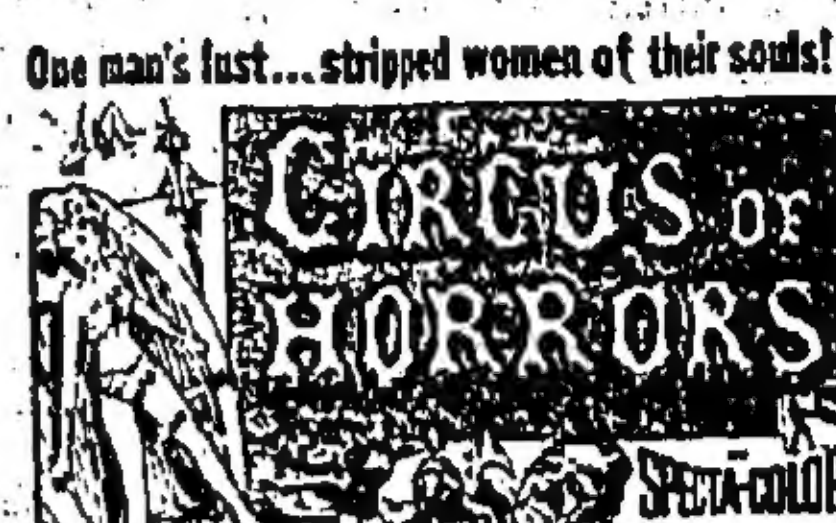
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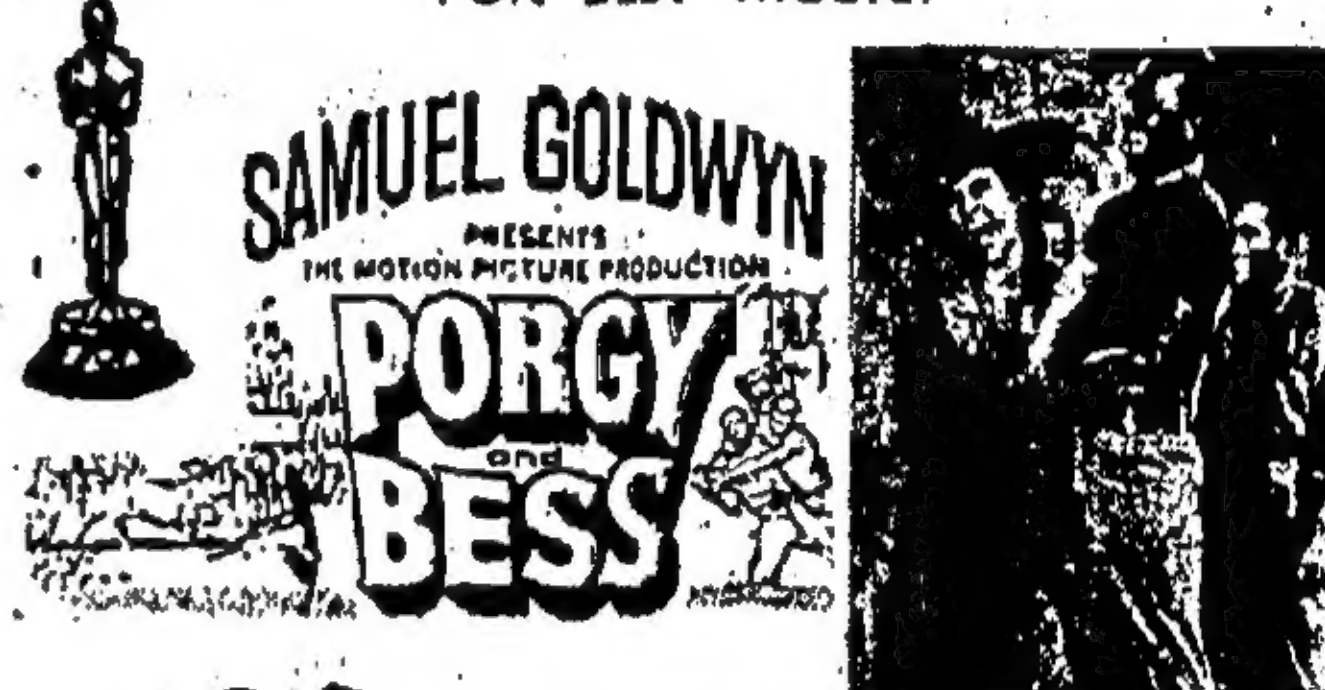


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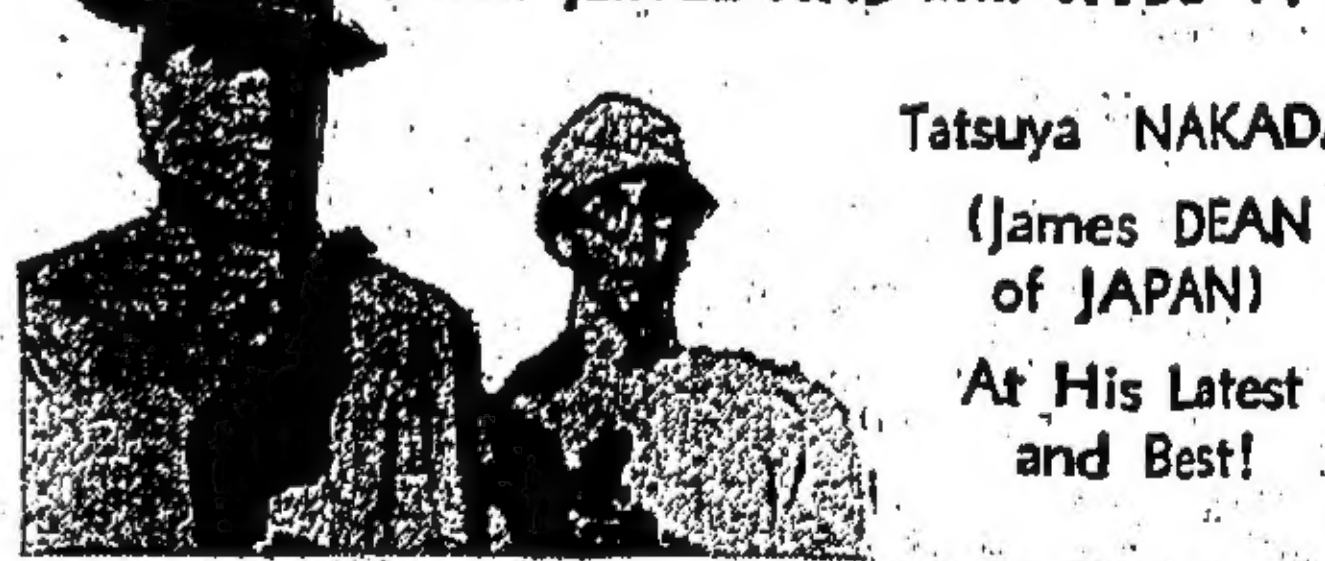
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BY IAN FLEMING

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UNSUSPECTED MURDER. Today a top reporter adds his expert testimony on the theme of Dr John Havard's book, "The Detection of Secret Homicide" (Macmillan, 35s.), and takes up the revelations made by Chapman Pincher on Saturday.

EVERY YEAR... MANY PERFECT MURDERS



I BELIEVE that many perfect murders are committed every year in this country.

And my conception of a perfect murder is with the body safely tucked away in 6ft. of earth, or cremated, and only the murderer aware that death was not entirely due to the "natural cause" specified on the death certificate.

by PERCY HOSKINS

Detectives of long experience share my conviction that in many instances, contrary to the general belief, murder does not out.

When he retired from Scotland Yard almost 40 years ago the late Sir Basil Thompson expressed this opinion: "The proverb 'Murder will out' is employed whenever one out of many thousands of undiscovered murderers is caught by chance coincidence."

"The poisoner who is brought to justice is almost invariably proved to have killed other victims without exciting suspicion until he has grown careless."

For a modern classic example, take the case of John George Haigh and his acid bath process of elimination. He had removed five persons without trace before he became careless, and had the fifth victim really possessed the wealth to which he laid claim he might never have heard of the activities of the microbe ex-choirboy.

VANITY

Financially, he would have set himself up for life. And, let us face it, it is only by the merest miscalculation, on the part of the culprit that we have heard recently and for the first time of murder by insulin (Barlow), murder by Secoral (Armstrong), and the inadvertent poisoning of two girl typists—both of whom died by a love potion of cantharidin or "Spanish fly" (Ford).

If three new methods of life-destruction are detected by remote chance in such a short space of time, how many may there be in practice undetected during an era of medical laxity as described by Chapman Pincher.

A marked characteristic of all poisoners is their extreme vanity. They all operate on the basis that they cannot be found out—it is only by cruel fate that they are exposed — or so they imagine.

CHANCE

Such a person was Nurse Waddingham. Over-confidence was her undoing. She had successfully got away with the murder by morphine poisoning of one rich old lady and she was filling up the cremation papers for a second.

She held certificates to the effect that her victim died of natural causes and everything looked as if it was going to be plain sailing.

Now, if Nurse Waddingham had been content with putting her ordinary address at the top of the papers, nothing would have happened. But to make it look more imposing she added the words: "The Nursing Home."

By chance, the Cremation Officer was also the Medical Officer for the district. In his latter capacity he was also the registering authority for all nursing homes.

THE GRAVE

Realising this "home" was unregistered, he passed the papers over to the coroner, who ordered an analysis. Surely the perfect crime—but for three words.

One man whom Scotland Yard firmly believes to this day did "get away with murder," the late John Maundy Gregory.

After he had been involved in a notorious scandal of trafficking in royal honours, a series of strange rumours reached Scotland Yard concerning Mr Gregory. To test their substance, a superintendent was detailed to inquire into the case of a 59-year-old actress, Edith Marion Ross, whose deathbed will left Gregory £18,000.

The Yard sought an answer to these questions: Why was Mrs Ross's will in Gregory's handwriting?

EXHUMATION

Why was she buried in a shallow grave in a Thames riverbank churchyard near Marlow which was in a continual state of flood? Had she, in fact, died in unnatural death and was her place of burial selected because the rise and fall of the river would wash away all traces of poison?

In other words, had murder been done? There was only one way to answer these questions. The Home Office granted an exhumation order and the coffin, still full of water, was lifted from its riverside resting place. I remember standing by that shallow grave as Dr Roche Lynch, the analyst, explained that in view of the constant immersion in water it was quite

possible that certain poisons had become decomposed, rendering their detection impossible.

And, in the train on the way back to London, the late Sir Bernard Spilbury, the pathologist, made this cryptic observation: "It is, perhaps, a good thing that so few people are aware of the existence of Eastern vegetable poisons which are soluble and consequently untraceable."

When the coroner's inquest was called it was found that, delaying a subpoena issued for his attendance, Maundy Gregory had left the country.

He never returned, and died a Gestapo victim in Paris during the war.

One could go on reciting similar examples.

Yes, Scotland Yard has very often cause to be thankful that the gods of chance frown on murder.

TOMORROW:

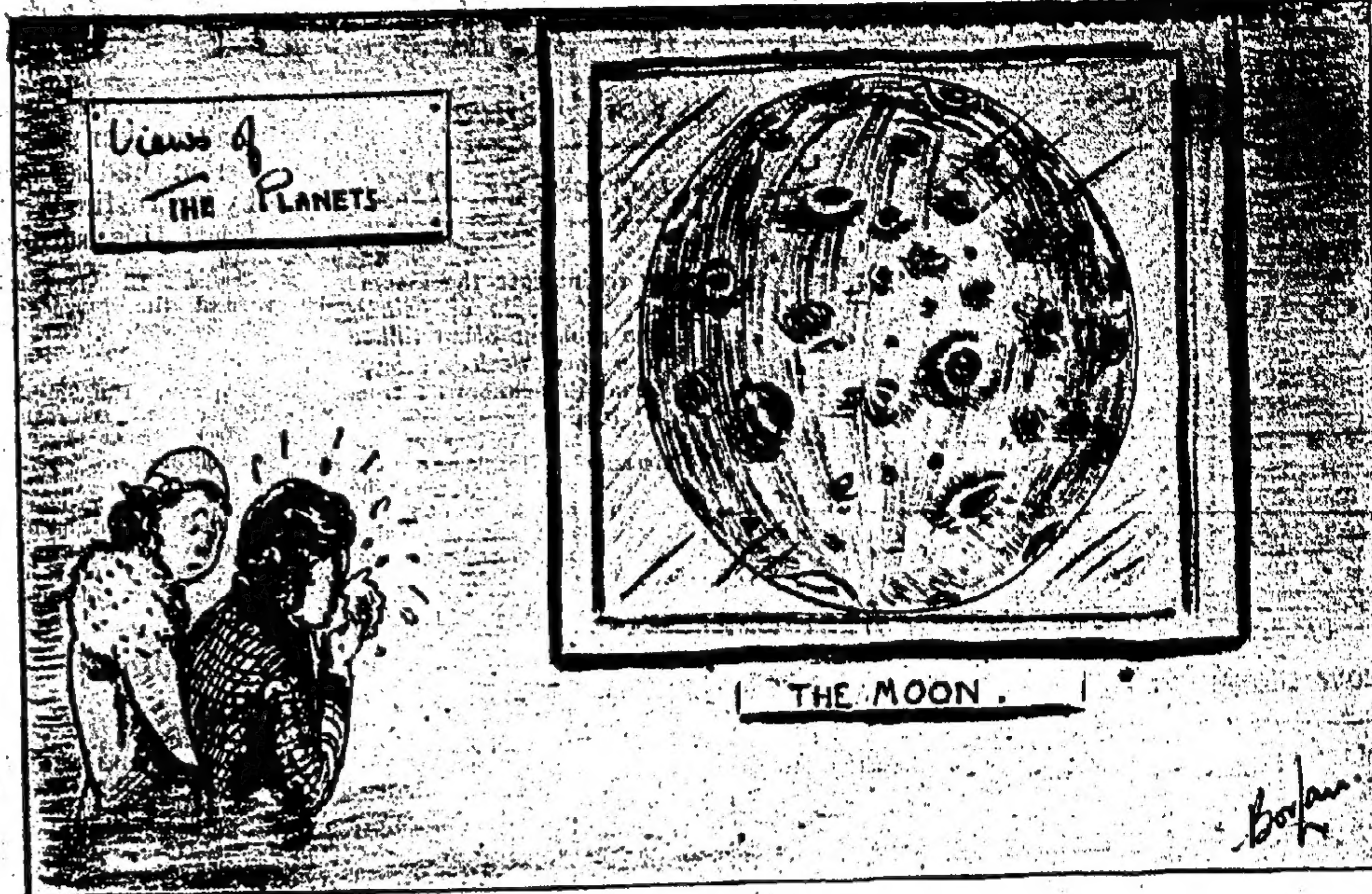
I asked
the author
to kill me...

by MERRICK

WINN

(London Express Service).

Painful memories



"Why Mary! Why are you crying?"
"I'm sorry, I just can't help it — it does remind me of our roads in Hongkong!"

THE KIND OF MAN WHO SAVES MILLION OF LIVES

IF Aldo Castellani likes you very much he names a microbe after you, as he did for Princess Maria Gabriella of Italy and for an African of cannibal stock called Giuma, who was his favourite servant.

It is a high compliment. Castellani is one of the world's truly great men. His knowledge of microbes has saved the lives of millions who have never heard his name.

By
**ANTHONY
LEJEUNE**

This old Italian doctor is the man who conquered sleeping sickness and developed quinine prophylaxis against malaria, and evolved the famous TAB inoculation against typhoid and paratyphoid.

Castellani is over 60 now. He lives in Portugal, where he is

royal physician to ex-King Umberto, still doing research and daily treating the poor fishermen of Estoril.

And he has written his autobiography.

What memories he has, memories of three wars and a glittering array of famous patients. There was Mussolini, for instance, not yet grown fat or felled into the shadow of Hitler, sweeping everything off the desk so that he could lie down on it for an immediate medical check-up.

Later he passed the biggest tape-worm that any of his doctors had ever seen.

Rudolph Valentino was another patient. When Castellani's maid first opened the door to him she fainted dead away and Valentino had to carry her into the consulting-room.

KINDLY

He is a humorous, observant, kindly man; a loyal Italian but a passionate Anglophile. Justice, he says, is one of the great British virtues and he recalls a colony where tribal miscreants were sentenced to be executed by a British jury and a jury of their compatriots. No one had ever chosen a tribal jury.

Not everybody would call a lecture on the aetiology of yellow fever "thrilling," but it thrilled Castellani.

As a medical student he was nicknamed Martellino, Little Hammer, because he spent so much time practising diagnosis by tapping his patients' bodies to test the density of the organs beneath.

He went out to Africa when Entebbe was only a village of grass-roofed huts and the Masai tribe still expressed their enmity by spitting on you. It was there that he succeeded in isolating the little parasite which causes sleeping sickness.

MEMORIES

In Ceylon he checked a mysterious plague among the Governor's cats and cured the future Prime Minister, the child Bandaranaike, of diphtheria. In the Abyssinian campaign he almost entirely prevented the disease which had previously been more deadly than bullets to European soldiers there.

But he did not dwell on these achievements during our interview. He was full of laughter and entertaining stories.

He remembered the Sultan who was so fond of blondes that he suffered a sort of St. Vitus' dance whenever he saw one; and the Prince of Wales dropping a tube of live plague cultures on the floor of Castellani's laboratory; and the future King George VI, deeply angry because a 99-

year-old Grand Master of Ceremonies had placed him after the ex-King of Afghanistan at a wedding in Rome.

ADVANCE

In many ways the world into which Castellani was born was a better and a saner world than the one we have now.

It was a world without passports, a world of much greater international courtesy, a world where civilisation seemed to be advancing instead of breaking up.

But willingly though some of us would relinquish many of the changes of the past 50 years, there is one field of advance for which we must all be unreservedly thankful.

The progress of medicine, of healing, has been wonderful.

It has saved us from more suffering than we can ever know.

And we owe it to just a few men, of whom Aldo Castellani is one.

(London Express Service).

THE ROME OLYMPICS 1960

WONDER BOY OF THE OLYMPICS

WHEN Robert Bruce Mathias was born at Tulare, California, on November 17, 1930, his mother cried because she wanted a daughter.

Seventeen years later, Mrs Mathias cried again—and said: "I am the proudest mother in the world."

In those years she had seen her son develop from a puny, anemic child into the greatest all-round athlete of all time—a gawky, 17-year-old schoolboy who went to London in 1948 and won the two-day Olympic decathlon (four track, six field events), the most searching test of athletics skill and endurance yet devised by man.

Fame

Over three-quarters of the town's total population (14,000) lined the streets of Tulare when he returned home. Factory whistles sounded off. Somebody tied down the eard of the fire station whistle. Motorists kept their hands on their motor horns. The schoolboy was presented with the keys to the town by the Mayor. Governor Earl Warren made a speech of welcome. A parade formed behind a big banner: "Bob Mathias for President."

Later official signs were erected at both ends of the town proclaiming: "Tulare, Home of Bob Mathias, Olympic and U.S. Decathlon Champion."

"Tulare is known" unofficially today as "Mathiasville."

Bob Mathias was the youngest male athlete ever to win an Olympic track and field championship and in 1952 he became the only man to win the Olympic decathlon twice.

Weakened

American sportswriters rated him an even greater all-round athlete than the immortal Jim Thorpe. He excelled at football, basketball, sprinting, middle-distance running, hurdling, long jumping, high jumping, pole vaulting, shot-putting and throwing the javelin and discus.

Yet, as a child, Mathias was so weak that he had to take frequent naps every day to conserve his strength. He lived on special diets to counteract the effects of nose-picks and sneezes. He seemed vulnerable

to every childhood disease that came along.

But Bob's father was a physician, surgeon, an expert on physical training and a former all-state footballer. He encouraged his family in sport with remarkable results.

His eldest son, Charles Eugene, became an outstanding high school footballer; his third son, James Paul, became a star athlete; daughter Patricia was an excellent swimmer.

Before he was weakened by a succession of illnesses, five-year-old Bob showed a great flair for baseball and was accepted in the games of boys twice his age. Six years later he began daily athletics training to build up his strength.

Overnight

According to his mother "it seemed that a track meet was going on in our backyard morning, afternoon and night."

At 12, Bob Mathias could high jump 5 ft. 6 in. At 15, he was a school basketball star.

At 17, after years of special dieting and exercises he was a junior superman, 6 ft. 2 in. tall and weighing 190 lb.



By
JOHN COTTRELL

nationally famous, a certainty for the 1948 Olympics.

Few people, however, imagined that he could triumph at the first attempt. At 17, he would be competing before 40,000 spectators, against track and field stars from 19 nations, and in the most nerve-wracking of events.

At the end of the first day in the huge Empire Stadium, Wembley, he was placed third. Mathias won the Pacific Coast Games decathlon and two weeks later, in the national decathlon, he placed first.

Next day the decathlon continued in appalling conditions, rain in appalling conditions, and Mathias won the national decathlon, beating the American schoolboy who had placed first in the national decathlon.

Virgil Jackson, the school track coach, was so impressed by the boy's all-round prowess that he wrote to the American athletics authorities for full details of performances required by a first-class decathlon man. The answers told him that in some respects he had a potential champion in his care.

There was only one big snag. Mathias had never seen a javelin, and had never competed in a long jump, 400 or 1,600 metres.

It took only one season to overcome this handicap. In 1948, Mathias won the Pacific Coast Games decathlon and two weeks later, in the national decathlon, he placed first.

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until the bar was raised to 10 ft. He aimed to conserve his strength and when he finally jumped he cleared 11 ft. 5 1/4 in.

Later Bob made a mighty throw in the discus but no one knew the distance achieved because the marker had been accidentally knocked over. Rain-coated officials searched the soggy field for nearly two hours and when it was discovered the distance was measured out as 144 ft. 4 in. — longest throw of the day.

Collapsed

It was 8.15 p.m. when the javelin came round. With the foul mark lit by an official's flashlight, Bob achieved 165 ft. 1 in.

At 10.30 p.m. in semi-darkness, Bob finally faced the gruelling 1,500 metres. Fighting foot cramp and stomach ache, he plodded round the rain-drenched track in 6 min. 11 sec. to finish second—good enough to clinch the title.

Then he collapsed. He had been on the track and field for nearly 12 hours.

Afterwards the now Olympic champion told his mother: "I wouldn't do it again for a million dollars." And Mrs Mathias, who had not missed a moment of the two-day event, told reporters: "I don't want my baby ever to do it again. It's too hard."

But Baby Bob, with 7,103 points (165 points over the next man) went home to achieve more fame in the decathlon, and as a basketball player, footballer and television star.

In 1952 he won the U.S. decathlon title for the fourth time, and four weeks later in Helsinki he claimed his Olympic title with 1,687 points.

Mathias never seriously considered retiring after his first Olympic ordeal. For in his bedroom hangs a sign that reads up his sporting philosophy: "I will never quit and I will never win."

TOMORROW:

THE PIONEER



WOMANSENSE

The new slim supple styles need a smooth body line

THE RESULT CAN MAKE OR BREAK YOUR SILHOUETTE

by MURIEL PENN

NO woman today can afford to ignore the advantages bestowed by a properly fitted bra and girdle, or all-in-one torsolette. For the great majority of women, the foundation is, in a way, more important than what is put on top—for no couturier, however inspired, can do himself, or his customer, credit if the figure is uncontrolled.

Even model girls, before appearing in the latest creations of the world's top dressmakers, take care to provide themselves with foundation garments suited to the new season's lines.

For the coming autumn, the more fluid, softer lines, moving closer to the body, make deeper bra's and girdle rising higher above the waist or an all-in-one foundation garment a "must" for every woman inclined to develop a "tyre" between bra and girdle. Thus, model girls showing the new autumn

couture collection of Mr. Hardy Amies, one of the Queen's dressmakers, are wearing front-fastening Berlei torsolettes which ensure a smooth unbroken line from bosom to thigh.

Deep "V"

Ronald Peterson's model girls are six months ahead of time with their foundation garments. Under this couturier's autumn models, they are wearing the first of the new Olga girdles and bra's which this "house of the Sarong" is putting on sale to the public in the spring of 1961. Olga bra's have a deep "V" plunge in front and a low back

continuing down past the waist-line. They fit over a feather weight girdle which dips centre back and centre front and features the new long length thigh line.

"Tyre" problems are solved by this hose with a deeper under-lift bra which overlaps the accompanying Sarong or Sarongette girdle giving a smooth flat line right through the waist. The flat up-and-down effect is carried on by the special cross-front of the girdle designed to lift and flatten the tummy, without impeding freedom of movement.

All the Olga lift bra's, short medium and long, are being made in black as well as white for the coming autumn and winter season.

Teen

Fitting problems of many smaller women these days, are being solved by the new range of "teen-form" bra's and girdles designed by Berlei, the only couturier among the Incorporated Society of London Fashion Designers. These bra's and girdles are intended primarily for eleven-to-fifteen-year-olds, but often fit the adult "Pocket Venus" better than the padded or wired models which she has had to try hitherto.

Technical developments in the manufacture of foam rubber have revolutionised the problems of the woman, large or small, who needs firm support of the bust and also, possibly, extra diaphragm control.

U-shaped

U-shaped inserts of this foam rubber in a pre-shaped bra can do wonders for the not-so-firm bosom and add natural-looking inches to busts which need them.

They come in short line, long line, plunge line and strip-back, and with or without straps, in the latest Silhouette range. And for added glamour, many models are trimmed with untarnishable silver or gold Lurex stitching. This is especially effective on black.

Dresses for the coming autumn,

deroid of all rigid inner

construction, demand more careful

attention to foundation garments

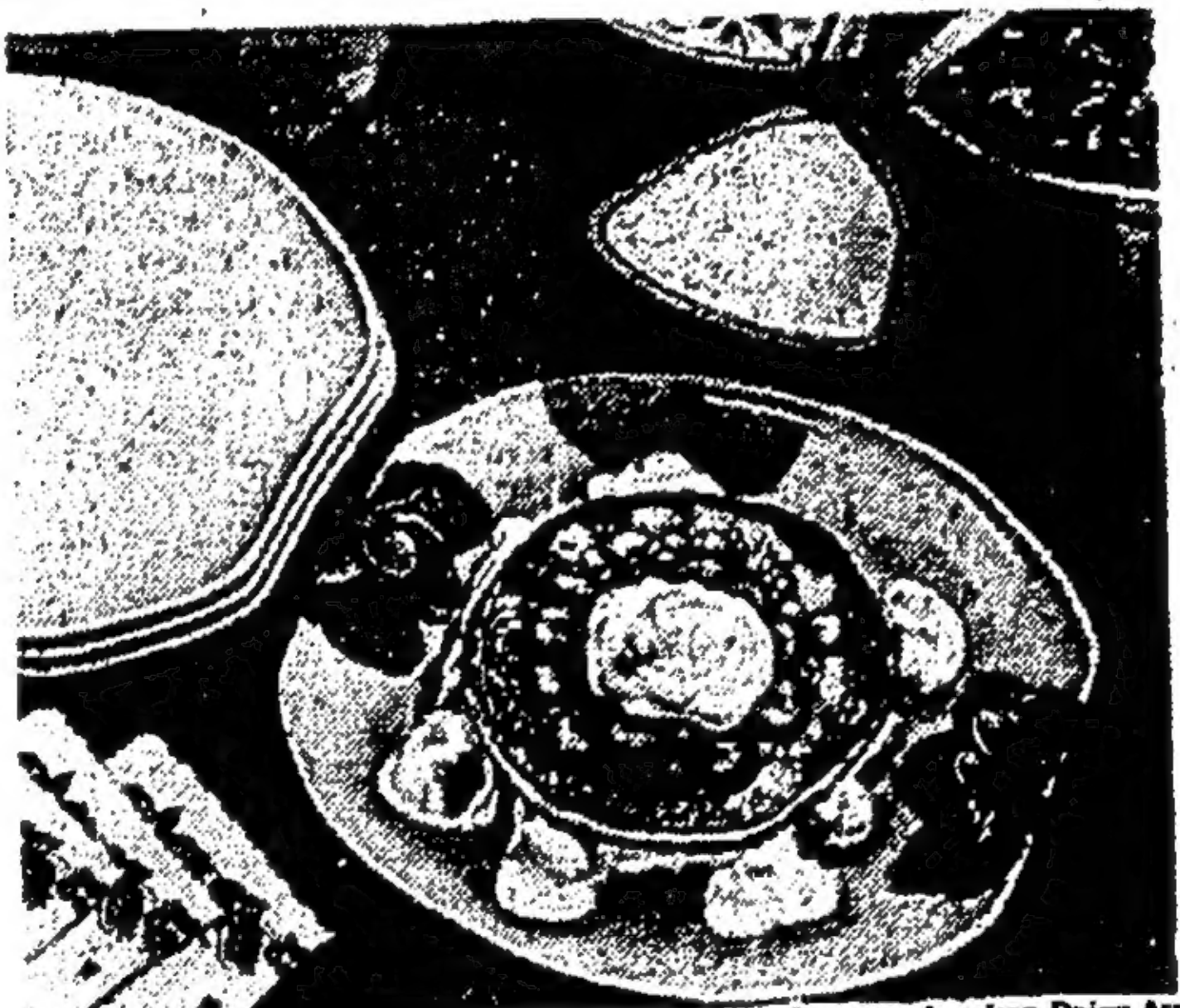


FINAL THOUGHT FOR SUMMER

Reflecting the long torso look for the coming winter, two styles suggest the 1930's—with uncluttered design for easy freedom.

Left: New, demi-fitted sheath, narrowly conceived yet casually eclipsing the obvious with its exquisite subtlety of contour.

Far Right: Rich shades of the East captured on polished cotton, telling an exotic story of mysterious Malaya. The silhouette; a swim-dress, encompassing the slenderising flattery of a fitted dropped torso.



REFRESHING AS A mountain breeze, delicious as a gourmet's treat are these Snow-Capped Strawberry Pancakes with buttermilk.

into butter. It contains everything that is in whole milk except the cream and vitamin A. It is about two-thirds as much as whole milk.

Plain buttermilk is a refreshing beverage whether one is on a reducing diet or not. For a change try it combined with 1/3 the amount of orange or other fruit juice; or whip it in the blender with a scoop of lemon sherbet. Or try making biscuits, hot breads and pancakes with buttermilk for fine flavour.

BUSY-DAY dessert is made by blending 1 cup apple sauce with 1/2 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon bottled fig juice and 1 stiffly beaten egg white. Serves 4.

HERE'S an easy topping for ice cream, cakes or puddings. Combine 1 cup of finely chopped or crushed apricots with 3 tablespoons of sugar and bring to a boil. Add 1/2 cup of fresh orange juice blended with 1 1/2 teaspoons of cornstarch and cook until the mixture is thick enough to spoon over dessert.

Save potato chip crumbs for campers

DON'T waste those potato chip crumbs at the bottom of the package. Use them to make cucumber pinwheel canapés.

Score 2 large dark cucumbers with fork, but do not peel. Cut small slice from each end; scoop out seeds with food-tea spoon; sprinkle insides with a little salt and stand cucumbers on end to drain.

For the stuffing, combine 1 cup cottage cheese with 1/4 cup potato chip crumbs, 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger and juice and grated rind of a medium lemon. Beat well for about 5 minutes to blend flavours. Stuff cucumbers with cheese mixture and refrigerate 1 hour. Slice 1/4-inch thick and serve on crisp potato chips.

MONDAY DINNER

Vegetable Soup
Turkey Soufflé
Buttered Noodles
Tossed Lettuce Green Peas
Snow-Capped Strawberry Pancakes
Coffee Tea Milk
All Measurements are Level
Recipes Proportioned to 3 1/2 x 4 x 6 Turkey Soufflé: To 1 1/4 c. minced roast turkey meat, add

Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

For a Brand New Flavour, Mix It with Buttermilk

"WHY can buttermilk be used in a reducing diet when fats are to be eliminated?"

This question came up during

the questionnaire period the Chef and I always have after a personal appearance.

"But buttermilk is fat-free," I replied. "There are only 68 calories in a medium-sized glass."

"How can it be fat-free," persisted our young questioner, "when it's made of 'butter'—buttermilk?"

Afterwards the Chef remarked, "That young girl had a real point. I am of the opinion that other persons also may not understand."

Buttermilk is nourishing. To explain, buttermilk is the liquid drained from cultured cream after it has been churned

wrong direction. You would be better off without too much interference in your affairs.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): You may pride yourself on being a person of few words, but you will make a much better impression on people if you speak your mind freely.

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YOUR BIRTHDAY: If your birthday is this week you will find a symbol of good fortune in a gift of a carving knife.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

SOUTH had no trouble with the heart contact. West cashed the ace of spades and shifted to a trump whereupon South spread his hand.

South also had no trouble with the bidding. The moment North gave him a jump raise South was interested in either six or seven. He used Blackwood to check for aces and when one ace showed up missing South settled for six.

It is important to note the way in which South used the convention. He did not bid it right over North's three-heart raise because of the worthless doubleton in diamonds. It just never pays to use Blackwood when you have a worthless

NORTH		5	
♥K2			
♥Q10765			
♥AK43			
♦Q4			
WEST		EAST	
♠AJ763	♠Q10885		
♥53	♥4		
♦J98	♦Q1052		
♣1097	♣J86		
SOUTH (D)			
♦4			
♥AKJ82			
♥76			
♠AK532			
East and West vulnerable			
South	West	North	East
1♥	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♣	Pass	4♦	Pass
4 N.T.	Pass	5♦	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—A♠			

doubleton in an unbid suit since if your partner's response shows a combined holding of only three aces you will still be afraid of two quick losers.

Hence, South started toward the slam by bidding four clubs. North had a very round heart suit and showed his willingness to get to six by bidding four diamonds. With a weak three-heart raise North would have signed off at four hearts.

Then South was ready with the Blackwood bid and after the five diamond response was able to bid six with complete confidence.

♥CARD SENSE♥

Q—The bidding has been:
South West North East
1♥ 1♠ 2♦ 3♥
2♦ Pass 3♥ Pass
4NT Pass 5♥ Pass
? A—Bid five no-trump. You are interested in seven.

You, South, hold:
AA WAKQJ87 432 AK954
What do you do?
A—Bid five no-trump. You are interested in seven.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Your partner bids six diamonds to show one king. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

LADY LUCK

YOUR CHINA MAIL HOROSCOPE

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): A person born under Gemini is in a position to give you just the help you need at this juncture.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): A very successful person will offer you some valuable advice, and you should act on it without hesitation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): By trying to resist circumstances you cannot change you are only making things more difficult for yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): By keeping a firmer control over your budget you could enjoy a certain number of luxuries and still save money.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): An unusual idea which occurred to you first thing this morning might be worth developing.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): It may be very hard for you to make the right decision today regarding an important move. Sleep over it and you will see your way more clearly tomorrow.

LEO (July 22-August 21): A well-meaning friend may be influencing you in the

wrong direction. You would be better off without too much interference in your affairs.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Purr-Purr Is Jealous

—She Wants To Get A Rab Just As Dandel Des—

By MAX TRELL

HANID, the Shadow Girl with the Turned-Around Name, put the magic talking ribbon around Purr-Purr's neck. Then she said to the kitten:

"Tell me, dear?" Purr-Purr was lying curled up in Hanid's lap. She looked up at Hanid.

Doesn't understand "I don't know what you mean," she said.

Hanid had no trouble understanding her at all. The magic talking ribbon made Purr-Purr talk like people.

"I really don't know what you mean," Purr-Purr repeated.

Hanid smiled and patted Purr-Purr gently on the back. "Something is wrong, dear," she said. "I noticed that the second you walked into this room."

"Well, maybe there is," said Purr-Purr.

Wants to know "Tell me, dear," urged Hanid again. "Because if you don't tell me what is wrong, how can I ever going to be able to make it right?"

Purr-Purr thought about this quickly as she lay curled up in Hanid's lap. Finally she said: "They give me a bath and they wash my face and I don't think it's fair."

She's silly Hanid laughed. She picked up Purr-Purr and held her in front of her with her legs and her tail curling.

"You silly kitten," Hanid said. "When you're dirty, you have to be washed. It's a dog because he gets a bath and you don't."

"You'd be jealous, too," said Purr-Purr. "If the dog got a bath and I didn't. But," she added in a cheerful voice, "Kittens and Cats don't have to take a bath."

Wash themselves "Yes, Purr-Purr, I think I would be jealous if the dog got a bath and I didn't. But," she added in a cheerful voice, "Kittens and Cats don't have to take a bath."

"Why don't they?" asked Purr-Purr.

"Because they wash themselves," said Hanid. "They do it with their paws. I've seen you do it. Purr-Purr, I've seen your Mother do it."

"It's not the same thing," said Purr-Purr. "If they give the dog a bath, I want one, too."

At that moment, at that very moment, someone upstairs started shouting:

"Come back here! Where are you, Dandel? Come back!"

Hates bath Hanid and Purr-Purr heard footsteps scampering down the steps into the room where a little Poodle and immediately hid under a chair in the darkest part of the room. This was Dandel.

Hanid hurriedly took the magic talking-ribbon off Purr-Purr's neck and put it around Dandel's neck.

"What's the matter, dear?" Hanid asked as she knelt down on the floor and shook her head under the chair.

Purr-Purr came down and looked, too.

"Don't let him find me!" Dandel begged.



Hanid picked up the kitten and hid her in front of her.

"But, Dandel, you love everybody in this house. Why don't you want the boy you belong to your own best friend to find you?" asked Hanid.

"He wants to give me a bath," said Dandel. "I don't want to take a bath! Don't let him make me take one—please, please!"

"Now that's foolish," said Hanid to Dandel. "Everybody takes a bath!"

"Do they?" asked Dandel. "Cats don't! Kittens don't! She doesn't!" he said, pointing his nose at Purr-Purr.

"She'd like to," said Hanid.

Purr-Purr's chance "All right—then let her take my bath!" said Dandel. "Let her get wet all over! Let her get soap in her eyes! Let her have to shake herself and shake herself! . . . yes, and s-b-a-k-e-bath until her ears and her tail almost get shaken off!"

Hanid turned around. "Well," she was going to say to Purr-Purr. "Here's your chance my dear! Do you want to take Dandel's bath?"

But Purr-Purr waited there any more. Hanid couldn't find her for the rest of the day.

As for Dandel, he had to take his bath all right. But it really wasn't so bad.

He did get wet all over, and he did get a soap or two of soap in his eyes, but though he shook and shook and . . . yet s-b-a-k-e-bath himself, he didn't shake off, or even almost shake off a ear or his tail.

And Purr-Purr never asked to take a bath again. She never even mentioned it.

Rupert and the Gonnies—21



Beyond the bushes Rupert finds himself in a wild part of the wood with tangled branches and high weeds. However there are more traces of paint than ever before and thrusting his way through he reaches an old tree with a hollow at its base. Sending

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MOVE TO OUST BRUNDAGE

*Russians line up behind
British bloc to elect
Lord Burghley as IOC head*

Rome, Aug. 21.

Russia and her Communist satellites were reported today to have lined up behind a strong British bloc in a move to replace the United States' Avery Brundage as President of the International Olympic Committee.

Their choice for the important post is Lord Burghley, the Marquis of Exeter, one of Britain's three IOC Committee members and a former hurdles champion.

"The Russians, realising they cannot elect their own man, have thrown in with the British, who have a powerful campaign going for Lord Burghley," said a prominent U.S. Olympic official, who declined to be quoted by name.

"They are out to get Avery, one way or another, and it is really a shame. Avery is so dedicated to his job and many would like to see him serve another four years."

Other big problems

Election of a president is one of the issues facing the IOC, which goes into general session

on Monday — four days before the start of the 17th Games in this flag-bedecked home of the Caesars.

There had been talk Brundage was resigning. But on his arrival last week, he indicated he had no such thoughts. Support for his re-election began to build up, especially among Western European members. But the Burghley drive appeared today to have thrown into doubt Brundage's re-election.

The other two big problems concern the official name for the team from Nationalist China and dates for the 1964 Games in Tokyo. These are expected to be resolved with a minimum of bitterness.

Will accept

Indications are that the IOC will stand by its original decision to have the Nationalist China entry designated as "Taiwan" and that the Nationalist Chinese will accept the ruling—reluctantly and under protest.

There may be no immediate decision on the date of the 1964 Games. Tokyo prefers mid-May because of better weather conditions. Many members want the dates set back to July. The Americans are among those fighting the mid-May dates because of college commitments of many of their athletes.

From Taipei came reports that the Nationalist Chinese had decided not to pull out of the Games, opening on Aug. 25, if spurred in their efforts to continue under the title of Republic of China.

Officials there said there were two motives for not pressing the issue: (1) they want to give their decision a chance to win China's first medal; (2) they want to keep Communist China out of the competition.

Village quiet

The normally bustling Olympic village slowed to a snail's pace as many of the athletes took the opportunity to go sightseeing on the last Sunday before the official opening. Most of the headquarters were closed.

American swimmers began a series of trials at the Stadio Del Nuoto to select members of their relay team. Lance Larson of El Monte, California, apparently won a berth on the 400-metre medley relay when he beat two teammates in a butterfly test.

Larson won the 100 metre swim-off in 58.8 seconds, half a yard ahead of Mike Troy, Indianapolis, with Dave Gillanders, of Royal Oak, Michigan, third. On Monday there will be a swim-off among half a dozen freestyle stars, including Jeff Farrell, Wichita, who managed to make the team shortly after an appendectomy.

U.S. swimming coach Gus Stager emphasised that the trials were for guidance purposes and did not definitely fill places on the team.—AP.

THE CHINA MAIL SIGNS UP ENGLAND'S FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

BILL SLATER, Footballer of the Year, England player and skipper of FA Cup holders, Wolverhampton Wanderers, has joined the China Mail. Every week he will write for us an exclusive and forthright commentary on the soccer scene.

Bill Slater has just enjoyed his most successful season so far—Wolves skipper for their Cup Final conquest of Blackburn Rovers and then, the supreme soccer honour, Footballer of the Year.

No player can boast of a more varied career in top-class soccer than Bill Slater. For 10 years he played as an amateur for Blackpool alongside Stanley Matthews, represented Great Britain in the 1952 Olympic Games, and won 20 Amateur International Caps as well as a runner-up Cup Final medal.

Since turning professional in 1954, he has won 2 further 12 full England caps and three Championship medals, represented England in the World Cup in Sweden and played against such great clubs as Spartak, Moscow Dynamo, Honved and Red Banner.

When it comes to football, nothing but the best is good enough for Bill Slater. He is a connoisseur, a great admirer of all-conquering Real Madrid and South American



BILL SLATER

Look out for "ON THE BALL" with BILL SLATER starting TOMORROW.

sides, and wants to see all football played their way. We feel sure that his expert and outspoken views will interest all followers of the game.

Rod Laver wins fourth major tennis title in a row

Newport, Aug. 21.

Rod Laver of Australia won an unprecedented fourth consecutive grass court championship today when he trounced U.S. Davis Cupper Earl Buchholz to capture the singles title at the 79th Newport Casino Invitation Tennis Tournament.

The red-haired Australian weakened only once, in the second set, as he broke through his 19-year-old opponent a total of 10 times to take the

match which was played in less than two hours, 6-1, 6-3, 6-1, 6-2.

Thus Laver adds the Newport crown to laurels won at Mexico (Pennsylvania), Southampton (New York), and East Orange (New Jersey).

Laver took the first set by a convincing margin as he broke the young Missourian's service three times. In the second set, won by Buchholz 6-3, both players swapped service three times before Buchholz came through to break again in the 13th game.

Laver came back strongly to break Buchholz' service three more times in the third set and left the court at intermission with a two sets to one advantage.

The young Australian southpaw came back strongly in the final set to win the match. The match, played in steamy 85-degree heat, was the first ever between Laver, a member of Australia's Davis Cup team, and Buchholz.

Neither mark will be offered for recognition as they were made during workouts. Australia's Dawn Fraser gave an indication that she will become the first woman to swim 100 metres in less than one minute.

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"I did take it easy, honestly," she said when she was reprimanded for not doing what she was told.—UPI.

Entry forms are available from the Steward of the IOC or from other sports clubs in the Colony.

Host Italy takes up Olympic Village residence

Rome, Aug. 21.

Italy, host to the 17th Olympic Games officially took up residence in the Olympic Village here today when its competitors and officials, forming the biggest national contingent among the some eighty nations represented in the Games, attended the holding of their national flag.

This was the 34th national flag to be unfurled.

As the Italians paraded in the main square to see their colours slowly mounting the flag pole against the pink cloud-flecked sky of a Mediterranean summer, Russian and American competitors were happily exchanging their national badges—a pleasant craze at every Olympics.—AP.

Record-breaking swims by U.S. stars at practice

Rome, Aug. 21.

U.S. swimmers Mike Troy and Lance Larson today bettered the existing world record for the 100 metres butterfly during pre-Olympic time trial.

Larson who will compete in the 100 metres freestyle, had the better time of 58.8 seconds. The official mark of 1:00.1 minutes is held by Takashi Ishimoto of Japan.

Troy had a timing of 59.5, while a third American swimmer, Dave Gillanders, was four-tenths of a second off Ishimoto's mark.

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ONE WORLD RECORD EQUALLED AT BERNE ATHLETIC MEETING

Berne, Aug. 21.

A capacity crowd of 18,000 at Berne's Neufeld Stadium saw the United States Olympic team walk away with a two-day seven-country international athletics meeting today winning 19 of the 21 track and field events.

No new records were set, but 2.—R. Robertson (U.S.), 7.81 an existing world record was equalled in the 110 hurdles by Lee Calhoun.

The only non-American athlete to win were Josef Cegledi (Austria), who took the 1,500 metres, and Janusz Sidlo (Poland), who easily won the Javelin throw.

Britain's long distance Olympic hope, Gordon Pirie, finished third in the 3,000 metres event, one second behind the United States runner Jim Beatty, who won the event with a time of 8:14.4 minutes.

Ralph Boston (U.S.), who broke Jesse Owens' 25-year-old world long jump record last week, again beat the old mark today with a leap of 8.15 metres (26 ft 8 3/4 inches).

Boston's record-breaking jump last week was 8.21 metres (26 ft 11 1/4 inches) which was three inches better than Owens' long-standing mark.

Bill Nieder (U.S.) who last week set a new world record of 65 feet 10 inches (20.09 metres) for the shot had a throw of 64 feet 5 1/2 inches (19.65 metres) today.

Results of the second day of the International Athletics Meeting here were:

400 Metres Hurdles 1.—G. Davis (U.S.), 49.7 seconds. 2.—R. Howard (U.S.), 50.8.

800 Metres 1.—E. Cunliffe (U.S.), one minute 48.1 seconds. 2.—P. Adam (Germany), 1:49.0.

Javelin 1.—J. Sidlo (Poland), 81.57 metres (267 feet 7 1/4 inches). 2.—W. Alley (U.S.), 74.22 metres (243 feet 6 inches).

1,000 Metres 1.—J. Beatty (U.S.), eight minutes 10.4 seconds. 2.—W. Dellinger (U.S.), same time. 3.—D. A. G. Firie (Britain), 8:17.4.

110 Metres Hurdles 1.—L. Calhoun (U.S.), 1:52 seconds (equals world record). 2.—H. Jones (U.S.), 1:57.

Second heat 1.—W. May (U.S.), 1:53. 2.—G. Cornacchia (Italy), 1:54.

Long Jump 1.—R. Boston (U.S.), 8.15 metres (26 feet 8 3/4 inches).

Results of today's baseball matches included:

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—UPI.

ENCOL WINS DEAUVILLE HANDICAP

Deauville, Aug. 20.

The Aga Khan's Sallymount, ridden by Australian jockey George Moore, finished second in the 25,000 new francs (about £1,760) Grand Handicap De Deauville flat race over one mile here today.

The race was won by Mr. A. R. Milner's Encol, ridden by Roger Bayard. Third was the Comtesse De Chambure's Quatre Cent Coups ridden by another Australian, Ron Hutchinson.

Distances were: three-quarters of a length, a length.

Parimutuel dividends (one new franc stake) were 30.50 new francs for a win; places 7.10; 2.50 and 2.00.

There were 20 runners.—China Mail Special.

Sports Diary

TODAY

LRC tennis championships, 8.30 pm.

Tommy's 100m dash, 8.30 pm.

Ladies' quarter-finals at 8.30 pm.

Service League: South Clubs v Garrison 8.30 pm.

Circle 100m dash v YFCA, 9 pm.

7,500 take part in cross-Yangtze swim event

London, Aug. 21.

An eight-year-old boy and a man of 80 were among the 7,500 swimmers from all over China who took part in the annual cross-Yangtze swimming contest in Wuhan, the New China News Agency reported tonight.

Seventy-eight percent of the participants—inspired by the past crossings of chairman Mao Tse-tung—completed the grueling 5,000-metre course which brought an end to the festive 8-day contest.

Ma Chen-wu came first covering the 5,000 metre distance in 28 mins 0.1 sec.

Sixteen-year-old Wen Ching-ching of Chungking won the title in the men's junior division, clocking 28 mins 0.5 sec and Li Yu-yung of Nanking, captured the women's senior division title with a time of 27 mins 40.4 sec.—Reuters.

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—UPI.

Real Madrid lose to Djurgarden

Stockholm, Aug. 21.

The Swedish first division soccer team Djurgarden beat Real Madrid, the Spanish European champions 2-1 here today. The half-time score was 1-1.—AP.

Olympic flame

Rome, Aug. 21.

The Olympic Flame is slowly approaching the Eternal City.

Today it crossed Matera near Bari under the auspices of the first population which carried along the main street.

The flame was then carried by Benito Turatello, the Lancia 100 and 200 metres champion.

The flame kept moving north towards Potenza.—AP.

FIFA Congress today may be 'lively meeting'

Rome, Aug. 22.

The argument to decide whether South Africa shall be represented by a white or non-white football body on the International Football Federation (FIFA) will be re-opened at the FIFA Congress here today.

The item on the agenda, titled as "Admission of National Associations," looks a peaceful subject, but it is expected to occupy much time and produce some strong arguments.

The present position is that FIFA recognise the South African Football Association, a white organisation. But the non-white body, the South African Football Federation, is renewing its appeal for membership on the grounds that it is a much more representative organisation, controlling many more clubs and players.

No reason

At the last FIFA Congress in Stockholm in 1958, the late Karel Lotay, a Dutch member of the Executive Committee, stated that during a visit to South Africa he was unable to substantiate claims made by the non-white federation that they were more truly representative of football in the Union than the rival association. He added that in his opinion there was no reason for the association to be superseded by the federation on FIFA.

Another item on the agenda which will claim much time and interest, is the question of the representation of Nationalist China.

The suspension of an Australian body listed as the Australian Soccer Football Association, Ltd., Wallend, will also be discussed.

Difficult

Mr Ernest Thommen, the Swiss Vice-President of FIFA, said the control of soccer in Australia was difficult because there were several football associations or federations. One big difficulty, he said, is that clubs import players from Europe and utilise their services without first getting the proper clearance from the national associations concerned.

"It looks like being a lively meeting," commented Mr Thommen.—China Mail Special.

Germans beat European relay record

Freiburg, Aug. 21.

The German Olympic athletics relay team beat the men's 4 x 400 metres European record with a time of three minutes 5.6 seconds here today.

The previous record of 3 mins 5.6 secs was set by another German national team in Helsinki in 1952.

The team, all West Germans, consisted of J. Reske, M. Kinder, J. Kaiser and C. Kaufmann.

West Germany beat Switzerland by 144 points to 76 in the two-day meeting which ended today.

Yesterday, the German Olympic relay team of Bernd Culmiller, Armin Hary, Werner Hanzen, and Martin Lauer, equalled this year's world best time of 39.8 seconds for the 4 x 100 metres race.

Lauer, whose world record of 13.2 seconds for the 110 metres hurdles was equalled by Lee Calhoun (United States) in Berne today, returned 13.7 for the event here.—Reuters.

Pakistan bowler for Lancashire League

London, Aug. 20.

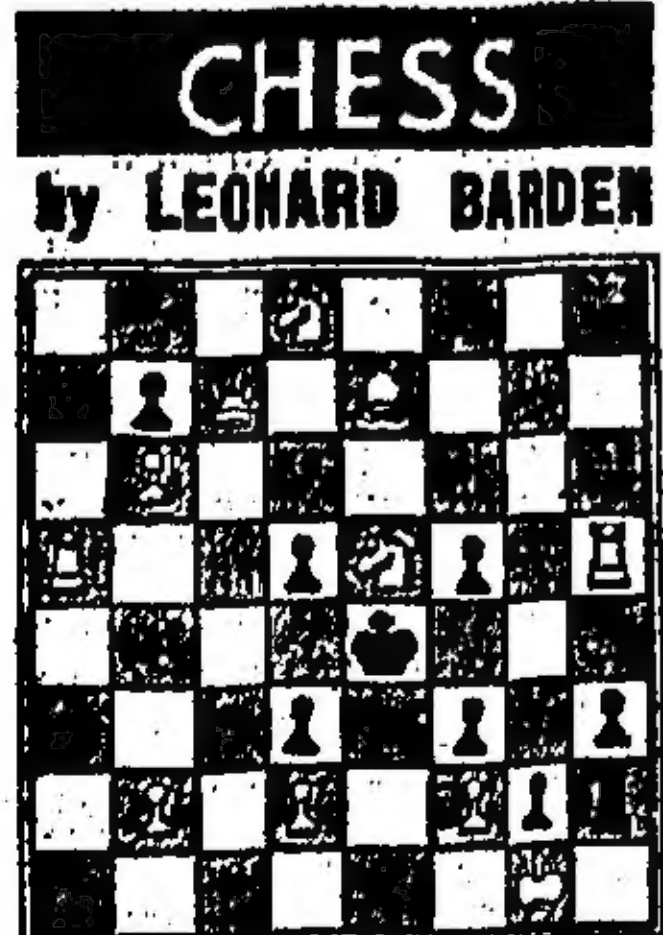
Fazal Mahmood, the Pakistan Test fast bowler, has signed a one year contract to play for Wetherby, the Central Lancashire League cricket club.

Mahmood, who is 32, has taken 114 wickets in 24 Test matches and more than 100 wickets in each of his three seasons with the East Lancashire Cricket Club.—China Mail Special.

Stuart Mackenzie withdraws

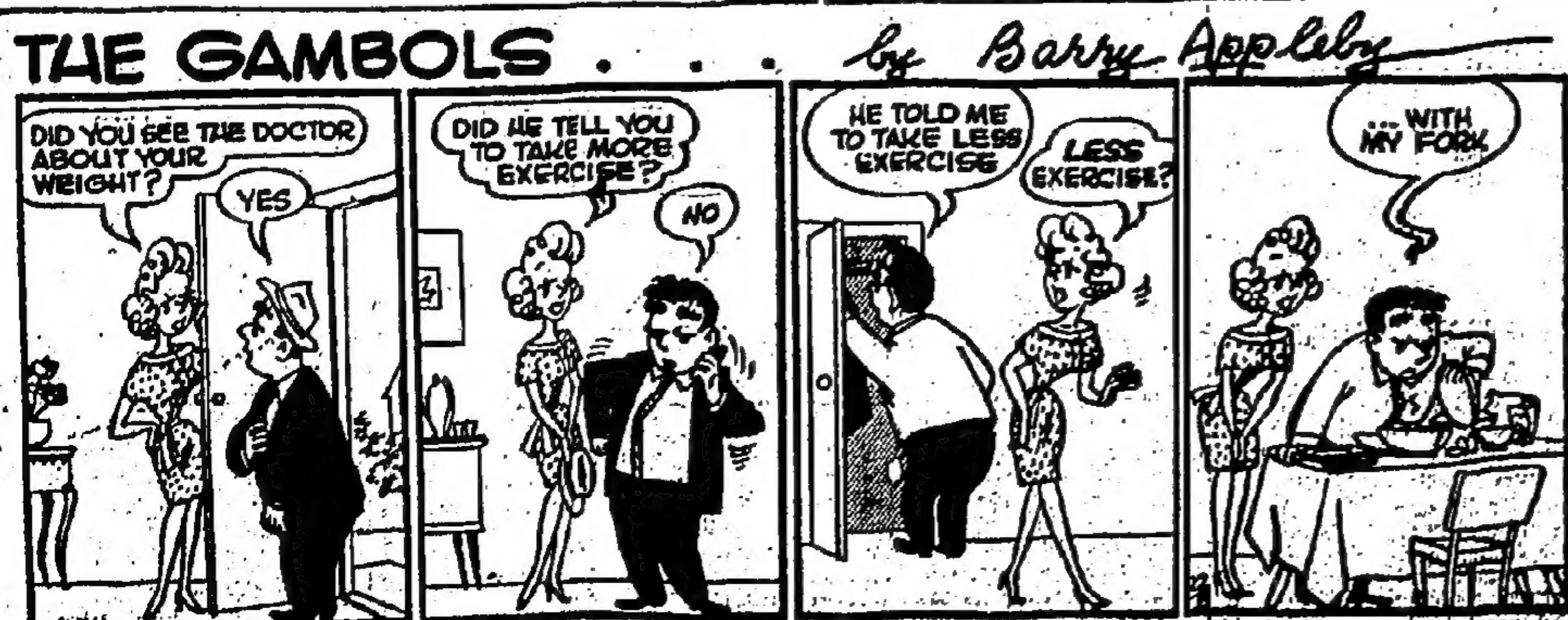
Rome, Aug. 21.

Stuart Mackenzie, Australia's best sculler, has been withdrawn from the Olympic singles sculls on medical grounds it was announced tonight by the Australian team manager, Mr Syd Grange.—Reuters.



Here is a problem specially contributed by S. Wright Wood (Shipley). White to play and compel Black to give mate in two. In other words, White wants to commit him, and Black cannot prevent him. Here Black's mate is obviously by ... R-B8; but he do you ensure that he has no option but to give it?

London Express, 1959.



CONTINUING THE CHINA MAIL'S SPECIAL OLYMPIC SERIES LEAVE THE GAMES ALONE

Things are all right as they are says the Marquess of Exeter

The Seventeenth Olympic Games will see a struggle between the one hand, athletes aided by the State, and on the other hand, those deriving athletic benefit from University life.

In between come the unaided.

So it was at the Sixteenth Olympics, the Fifteenth and in all the recent Games. And if David George Brownlow Cecil, KCMG, sixth Marquess of Exeter, Lord Paramount of the Soke of Peterborough, has his way, so it will be at the Eighteenth, Nineteenth and at all the Olympics to come.

The Marquess is the former Lord Burghley who won the 400 metres hurdles at the 1928 Olympics in Amsterdam. Now he is Vice-President of the International Olympic Committee and President of the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

So we may take it that this view, generally shared by the rulers of world athletics will prevail.

Defence

"But isn't the very Olympic structure seething with controversy and discontent? Doesn't the whole Olympic concept of bringing nations together in peace through sport have a hollow ring in this materialistic and nationalistic world?" I asked the Marquess of Exeter.

Reclining in an armchair in his suite overlooking Hyde Park, the Marquess opened his defence of the modern Olympic concept with, "The Olympic Games do not create international ill-will. But people should not expect the Games to settle all the world's differences."

"We must appreciate from the start that different countries start by having different outlooks on many things—sport among them."

"Take this amateur question, for instance. It is impossible to make an arbitrary legally watertight ruling defining an amateur which could apply throughout the world."

Scholarships

"The IOC lays down the principle that no athlete may make a profit out of his sport. The National Bodies administer this as fair and just men. If in a case there is any reasonable doubt the athlete gets the benefit of it."

"In countries where most people are employed by the state it is natural that athletes should be as well. But I have been assured that they do not receive special financial benefits."

Then what about Emil Zatopek, whose promotion in

the Czech army almost matched his speed on the track? "He could have been a good soldier," suggests the Marquess. "What about the business of athletics scholarships? Lord Exeter declares that the major American universities do not award athletes' scholarships and that 'if evidence of abuses were brought to the attention of the International Olympic Committee or International Federations they would certainly take them up with the Olympic committee and governing bodies of the country concerned.'"

So we get back to the athlete who gets aid from neither state nor university. Couldn't something be done for him—broken time payments, bigger prizes so that he could cash in on the skill that gives pleasure to millions?

Professionalism

Or why not go the whole hog and admit open professionalism? Those who think that the word professionalism makes amateur officials reach for the smelling salts would have been interested in the Marquess's reaction.

"Professionalism? Nothing wrong with it," he admitted, settling easily into his armchair. "It's just as honourable for a man to earn his living by running as by journalism or, say, banking, as I do."

"But it so happens that the Olympics are designed as a gathering of amateur athletes, men who run for fun. That's the way the athletes want it, otherwise they would press for changes through their club and county associations."

"It must be remembered too that the athletes who get as far as taking part in the Games are just a small fraction of the athletic community."

"Let me tell you of an experience I had last year. I attended the British cross-country championships at Peterborough. It was a most miserable day, cold, wet and windy. But over 1,600 competitors turned up from all over Britain, al-

most all of them paying their own way, and many of them with little hope of finishing in even the first 600."

No half measures

"These are the people we must also consider when we talk of maintaining the amateur spirit. But if a man wants to become a professional, well there is nothing to stop him."

Could limited professionalism be introduced, as in other sports where amateurs and professionals are often found on the same side?

The Marquess believes that you must have one thing or the other. No half measures. He makes the point that in Britain, for instance, where teams are sent to the Olympics on public subscription, he could hardly appeal for the thousands of pounds needed on behalf of men going out to make money for themselves.

"And as amateurs, athletes should not expect to have everything handed to them on a plate. They can be expected to make some sacrifices, to use some of their holidays, to take part in events like the Olympics. For this is their hobby."

The Marquess said that when he won the Los Angeles Games in 1932, he used his holiday from business to do so and fitted in his training between business and sittings (often late) of the House of Commons. He adopted this year in athletics is

By DENNIS HART

was the member for Peterborough at the time. But while the Marquess thinks that things can and should continue as they are, he is aware of the dangers that beset the Olympic Games today.

He lists the three chief dangers as commercialism, nationalism and politics.

It has been suggested that abolishing such things as flag waving, banner carrying and the playing of national anthems would prevent nationalism getting the upper hand.

Lord Exeter has reservations. "It depends on how the individual himself regards these things. Personally, when I won the 400 metres hurdles at Amsterdam I was tremendously proud to hear our national anthem played and to think that I had brought some credit to British sport."

"But I do not think for one moment that because a man can run say 800 metres faster than anyone else that the ideology of his country is superior to the rest of the world's."

Pruning

Through the International committee, the Marquess and his colleagues aim to see that this balanced view is generally held.

And how about pruning the Games? Regional qualifying competitions have been put forward as a way of cutting down a tournament that has shown signs of becoming too unwieldy.

Lord Exeter is not keen. "From the technical point of view in athletics it imposes a big strain on competitors. In quick succession they would have to compete in their national competitions, on which team selections are based, then the regional tournament and finally in the Olympics."

"And this would also cut down on the world-wide representation at the Games. I think the system we have adopted this year in athletics is

Dead-eye Joe is the most confident of three likely Olympic gold medallists

By RICHARD BERRY

Among the hundreds of competitors who gather in Rome this week for the 20 events in the Olympic Games, only three can be confident that on their statistical records they are world-beaters. Only three can reasonably feel that—barring accidents—they will go home with a gold medal.

They are the Australian swimmer John Konrads, the American Negro high jumper John C. Thomas, and the Englishman Joe Wheeler, who competes in the clay pigeon shooting event. And of these three confident men, probably the most confident is Wheeler.

Clay pigeon shooting? To the uninitiated it sounds a bit of a lark. But there is nothing comical about the way Wheeler goes about it.

Imagine a saucer of baked clay shot into the air at 90

mph from a spring loaded trap. It may be traveling in any direction, any angle to the marksman, who has one second to empty his two-barrel shotgun at the target.

Wheeler usually fires in well under a second and most times the second shot is unnecessary—he has bagged the target with his first blast.

Consistent

His performance is so consistently good that of the 17 international events in which he has competed during the last two years, he has won 10, come second in four and third in three.

European champion Wheeler, an alert-faced, 35-year-old man, owes his success to his own unaided efforts.

At Beverley, Yorkshire, near his home, he has built himself a shooting range where he is currently firing off some 2,000 shots (at a cost of £140 in cartridges and clay pigeons) to get into Olympic trim.

This and his rural background are Wheeler's main assets.

There has always been a tradition of shooting in the Wheeler family. His grandfather, a farmer, was one of the greatest game shots in Great Britain.

Dr. Lewald got his job back.

Joe's father became a game-keeper. Says Joe Wheeler: "It was the only life in which he could get his shooting free."

"If he didn't get 30 head of game out of 100 shots, he thought there was something wrong with him and 100 head out of 100 shots was nothing unusual."

Only life

Joe was brought up in the same way. His father would give him six cartridges and say "bring back six head of game." Joe became an under-game-keeper but at 19 he joined the RAF, as a regular in the armaments section.

He left in 1946 and went back to gamekeeping. In 1950 Joe, his father and brother bought up an old-established gunsmith's in Hull.

Joe Wheeler's success has helped the business. He was the best British clay-pigeon competitor in the 1958 Olympic Games but finished up in a low position—18th out of 32.

He has learned a lot since then. He has analysed the methods of the top shooters all over the world—and then beaten them.

He says: "I can't afford to slip. It is too expensive a sport to compete in as an also-ran."

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OLYMPIC QUIZ

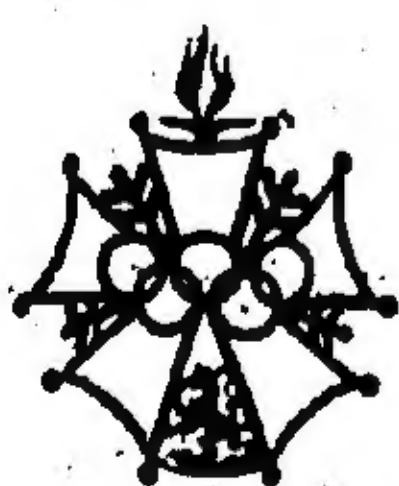
1. Who was the shepherd who won the 1896 marathon?
2. Who was the Red Indian who was forced to return the medals he won at the 1912 Olympics?
3. Who was the last Olympic Lawn Tennis champion?
4. He was known as the "Phantom Finn," and always ran holding a wutch in his right hand. His name?
5. Everyone has heard of Dorando Pietri's gallant marathon in 1908. But who won it?

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LETTERS FROM YOU TO THE EDITOR

More libraries needed

Your correspondent K. A. Watson's letter prompted me to refer to your "Comment of the Day" that appeared on Monday; and I cannot but agree with what you said.

In spite of the art of photography that is said to be flourishing in such international repute, Hongkong is a poverty-stricken place where culture is concerned. The absence of public libraries and the absence of a demand for such is alone enough to show the utter indifference of the Hongkong people towards culture.

No doubt there are libraries sponsored by the various foreign cultural centres which we are grateful to make use of, but their facilities are of such a small capacity and their location so town-centred that their existence is far from adequate for a population of over two million.

And the fact that the local public stand aside to allow these foreign societies to stimulate Hongkong's cultural instincts begs us to question the public's interest in their own cultural upbringing.

No doubt there have been attempts to promote the various arts, but the empty hall faced by an acting company or a performing artist is not an unusual sight in Hongkong, which shows, therefore, Hongkong's disinterest in the arts.

We must bear in mind that Hongkong has a population of over two million, and to have a handful of people, say a few hundreds attending concerts, theatre, temporary art galleries cannot convince anyone that Hongkong is a very much culture-minded.

Then there stands the question of our standard of appreciation of the arts. Is it comparatively high enough when compared with that of the world?

Let us not be satisfied with ourselves. Generally speaking, we are poor in our sensitivity to the arts. Still, we need more facilities that can cultivate the barren minds, and we need more intensive attempts made to

dear sir

stimulate interest and the finer qualities of the mind. The environment of Hongkong could be attributed to be one of the causes of the indifference to culture here. Most people cannot afford to spend money on something that cannot take the place of a meal.

Perhaps free district libraries, financial grants to local cultural centres would lead to Hongkong's consciousness of culture.

Y.K.C.

dear sir

Cartoons

May I express my admiration for your local cartoonist—I presume he is a local resident—else, how could he hit so precisely on the head of the nail. I cannot quite decipher his signature, hence I have one question to ask. Is your artist a police inspector? I ask that because in every one of the cartoons I have yet seen, the "nicky" has been extracted from the local constabulary, and it has been done in such an apt manner that I feel someone with an inner knowledge of the working of the system is responsible—someone who has a practical knowledge of the difficulties of the policeman's lot.

Definitely, this is no hill dweller or denizen of an air-conditioned office, but someone who knows life as it is lived, away from Olympus. He hits exactly on the petty irritations which the police have to impose on others.

Besides the humour of the cartoons—especially the traffic one—they are an encouraging symbol. It is a quirk of humour that it satirizes most that which

commands the greatest respect.

That local cartoons can lampoon the local police is not only a tribute to the freedom of expression which we have here, but also a tribute to the police, the work they do, and the respect they command. A great improvement on the past.

Sir, long may your artist continue!

C. T. PRIOR.

Not a policeman—Ed.

dear sir

Crowded out

It is certainly heartening to read "Satisfied's" information that in terms of reviews and criticism of the various Arts the local newspapers give proportionately more space than perhaps any newspaper (including—since I know little or nothing about newspapers in other parts of the world—The Times, The Guardian, The Observer, Sunday Times, The Spectator and New Statesman?) in the world; but let us see how true his allegation is when applied to the more "popular" arts in the Colony.

Drama: Where else in a major capital city does a newspaper devote over a column to a performance by a local amateur drama society? But please tell me, "Satisfied," how many professional stage productions did our drama critics have to cover during the past few years?

Besides, must serious writings about the theatre be confined to local productions? Have the local players no interest at all in the dramatic achievements in other parts of the world?

Music: Please tell me, "Satisfied," the proportion between the press coverage of serious music and that of pop-songs, rock 'n' roll personalities and the world of Elvis Presley.

Literature: What a pity that the sponsorship of literary competitions is not backed by more show of interest in the daily coverage. The S.C.M.P. does have a half-page for book reviews in the Monday issue, which is skimpy to say the least.

The rest is restricted to a weekly (China Mail & S.C. Sunday Post-Herald) or occasional (H.K. Tiger Standard) republication. (And I suppose that "family" weekly does not count.)

This is laughable. Even if one had to accept the supposition that Hongkong suffers perpetually from a dearth of literary critics, one might ask whether the musings of Messrs. Louis Goussay and Anthony Lejeune and Misses Nancy Spain and Patricia Lewis are deemed more valuable.

Radio: To some good old-fashioned Hongkongites it may not be art, but I understand in the more responsible press radio programmes are duly covered and seriously appraised. Why then are radio comments here reduced to mere programme notes?

TV: same as above.

Cinema: I prefer not to discuss the quality of our film reviews; but why do our reviewers, in writing "production news," seldom, if ever, show any awareness of the film activities in, say, Italy, France, Poland and Sweden?

Again, have the local film-goers no interest in these cinematic movements? And why do they ignore such films as "Othello" and "Don Quixote," though dreary trifles often manage to get reviewed?

It is after all the responsibility of the press to popularize the Arts, and part of the blame may be laid at its door if the "arty-arty" groups retain their exclusiveness.

To be sure, there is nothing wrong with motoring, fashions, features, show-

business gossip, personality tid-bits, etc., but they rather crowd out the Arts. And, though we always welcome sporting news, we also believe brain is no less important than brawn.

N. T. CHOW.

dear sir

A retraction

To my great shame and horror, I find that in the vehemence of the moment I made certain undesirable remarks in my letter of August 18 condemning the murderous action of the kidnappers of the Australian school-boy when I suggested that the offenders should be drawn and quartered and their bodies be fed to the sharks.

Of course, such remarks were intended figuratively, to show the abhorrence we all felt at the dastardly crime in the slaying of the boy and should never have been taken literally, for one shameful crime cannot be cured with another equally horrible one.

I therefore thank your correspondent of Friday, August 19, for drawing my attention to my temporary lapse which I retract without hesitation.

A READER.

dear sir

THE SPY TRIAL

The opening paragraph of your "Comment" of Friday, August 19 on the Spy Trial in Moscow echoes the sentiments of your wide circle of readers who entirely agree with your view.

Mr. Khrushchev has been presented with a golden opportunity upon a silver platter to make the most of the incident, and who can blame him for taking advantage of the occasion to set the utmost propaganda out of this trial, however irregular it may be, for it is not an opportunity that comes to Moscow every day, and for this wonderful gift the Kremlin has much to thank the White House, and certainly Eisenhower is the best friend the U.S.S.R. ever has since.

His emergence as the Man of Destiny when swept by sentiments more than sense, the American people shoved him to the Executive Chair, since when he has been keeping the world on tenterhooks, dancing the cha-cha on the brink of the precipice, with the rope tied round the torques of his other two mountain climbers, aspiring to reach the Summit for the Conference-that-never-was.

In another paragraph, among other things, you say: "The American Government holds that one man's life is not too high a price to pay for the security of the nation. Many thousands have already died and Powers is no different." With this view one must differ with you.

This view can only hold good when the two nations concerned are at war when the sacrifice of one life for many may be justified, but to send a young man in the flower of his manhood to almost certain death, to an uncertain venture, is worse than inhuman, what ever the excuse for the extraordinary circumstance to justify the case.

The result of the trial was a foregone conclusion—Powers was found guilty, but the death penalty was not meted out, for the Soviet wants to allow the world that she can be magnanimous, that she is really desirous of peace, and by playing this trump card correctly, she will glean the larger sheaf of propaganda from the action than by being vindictive and demanding the life of an innocent man.

It was not Powers who was guilty but those who sent him to his hopeless misadventure.

NAUSEATED.

Conservative Type: Your complaint should be sent to the organisation concerned.—Ed.

SPECIAL FESTIVAL THEATRE PLANNED

A special attraction of this year's Festival of the Arts is a small theatre which is to be built in the open space south of the west wing of the Star Ferry Concourse.

Clerk pleads guilty to four charges

Lui Chi-gan, alias Lui Chim, 32-year-old clerk of Cailowitz and Co, this morning pleaded guilty to four of 12 charges of theft and falsification of accounts involving more than \$120,000.

Judge W. F. Pickering in the Victoria District Court adjourned the case to next Monday, at 10 a.m. on the application of the defence counsel, Mr Oswald Cheung.

Mr Cheung asked for the adjournment for the defence to consider a plea on the other eight charges, to which Lui had previously pleaded not guilty.

Lui was remanded in jail custody. His previous bail of \$3,000 was refused.

\$60,000 WORTH

The four charges, to which Lui pleaded guilty this morning, stated that he had stolen more than \$60,000 worth of whitelined bookboards from the company and had made false entries in the sundry debtors books of the company, purporting that these bookboards had been sold to other firms.

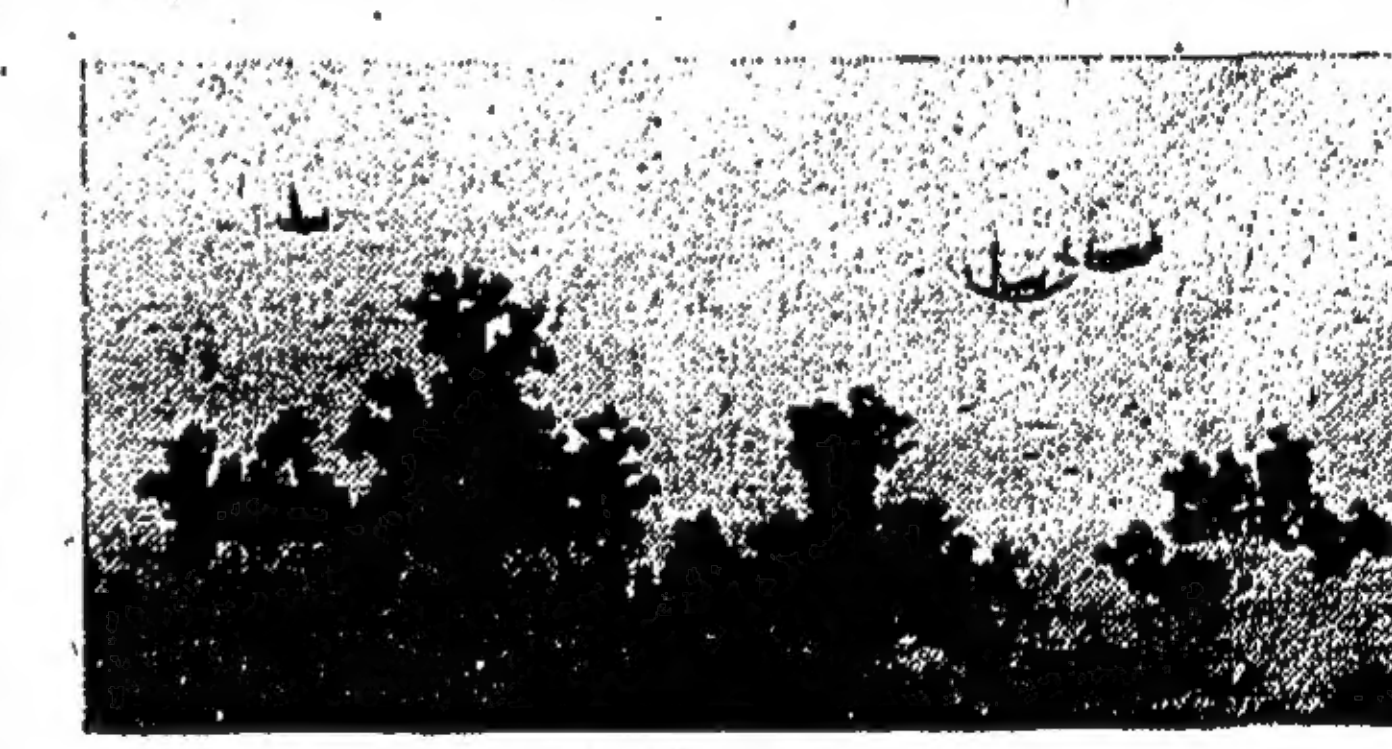
Mr Cheung appeared for Lui on the instructions of Mr J. E. d'Almada Remedios.

Mr W. S. W. Davidson, Crown Counsel, appeared for the prosecution.

INDIAN IN COURT ON WARRANT

A 27-year-old Indian, S. L. Daga, for whom a warrant has been issued in Bombay for an alleged criminal conspiracy, appeared before Mr E. Corbally at Central Court this morning.

Defendant who lives at 28 Hollywood-road, fourth floor, is facing a charge under the Fugitive Offenders Act of 1981. Daga, a native of Bidassai, Rajastan, India, was remanded until Thursday on bail of \$6,000. His Indian passport had already been surrendered to the police.



One of Mr Wong's paintings

PAINTINGS EXHIBITION

Mr Wong Poon-yuet is holding an exhibition of Chinese paintings at the St John's Cathedral Hall, Garden-road.

Mr Wong, who has met a number of famous Chinese artists during his travels in China, started painting at an early age.

The 60 odd paintings he is exhibiting are all landscape scenes of Hongkong and the New Territories.

The exhibition is open until August 24 from 10 am to 6 pm.

In an area 80 feet by 45 feet, the theatre will accommodate 300 people.

Designed on modern lines by Mr John Prescott, lecturer in Architecture at the University of Hongkong, the theatre is the first ever for Hongkong's Festival of the Arts.

One peculiarity about the theatre is a stage, 30 feet by 20 feet, to be sited on the west—or long—side of the rectangle, abutting the seawall.

Three sides

The stage is so planned that the audience can see it on three sides. With its entrance opposite the entrance to the ferry pier, the theatre will be detached from the main exhibition ground.

Messrs Far East Cork Products Ltd. will carry out the construction work.

The Festival authorities will borrow seats from local institutions.

Temporary

Deep in the designing, Mr Prescott said the plan will be off his drawing board, complete with engineering calculations, about the middle of this week.

Then the whole project will be submitted to the Public Works Department for approval.

The temporary structure, built of wooden planks, will remain there only for the Festival period—October 15 to November 12.

It is likely that the theatre will charge some additional admission for recovery of expenses.

From the Files
25 years AGO

August, 1935

POLICE in Hopei are continuing their search for a condemned drug ring leader who survived the firing squad and who, despite a bullet wound, disappeared into the Kaoliang bushes just as a gang of coolies were sent to put his body into a coffin, reports from Tientsin said.

A report in the Morning Post from Lisbon quoted United Press as saying that the Portuguese Government had authorised Pan-American Airways to halt their planes at Macao.

It is learned that Pan-American are also seeking permission to establish radio-telegraphic and chronometric stations at Macao.

PRESSING a switch which sounded a powerful siren, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, Sir Thomas Southorn, yesterday afternoon declared the Gorge Dam of the Jubilee Reservoir to be open.

There was a large gathering of leading officials and citizens and standing by His Excellency was Mr G. H. Gifford Hull who thus witnessed the crowning act of one of the greatest engineering projects in the Far East and one in which his has been the directing mind since work was started in December, 1932.

The actual inauguration ceremony, yesterday concerned the Gorge Dam, the main section of the works, and by operating the switch His Excellency signalled the closing of the valve of the scour pipe which is laid on the floor to clean the bottom of the dam.

Building plan submitted

Plans to erect four nine-storey buildings fronting Percival-street and four six-storey buildings facing Lee Garden-road, near Hennessy-road, were laid before the Tenancy Tribunal this morning. They would cost more than \$760,000 and take a year to complete.

The Fulton Corporation, Ltd., of 76, Dover Road, Central, represented by Mr Alfred Hon of Hon and Co, are applying for exemption for 54-60, Percival-street, and for 5-11 Lee Garden-road, to make way for the new buildings.

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ROACHES IN DRAWERS: \$500 FINE

Cockroaches were crawling out of the drawers of a kitchen cupboard in a restaurant, a Health Inspector told Central Magistrate, Mr I. T. Morris today.

The floor was covered with dust and grease, said Health Inspector Chu Kwok-sum. He found the restaurant in this condition when he visited it on May 9.

Tsao Chi-hung, licensee of the restaurant at 281 Shaubwan-road, ground floor, was fined \$500 or one month's jail.

Tsao said he had been in the restaurant business for 20 years. This was his first court appearance.

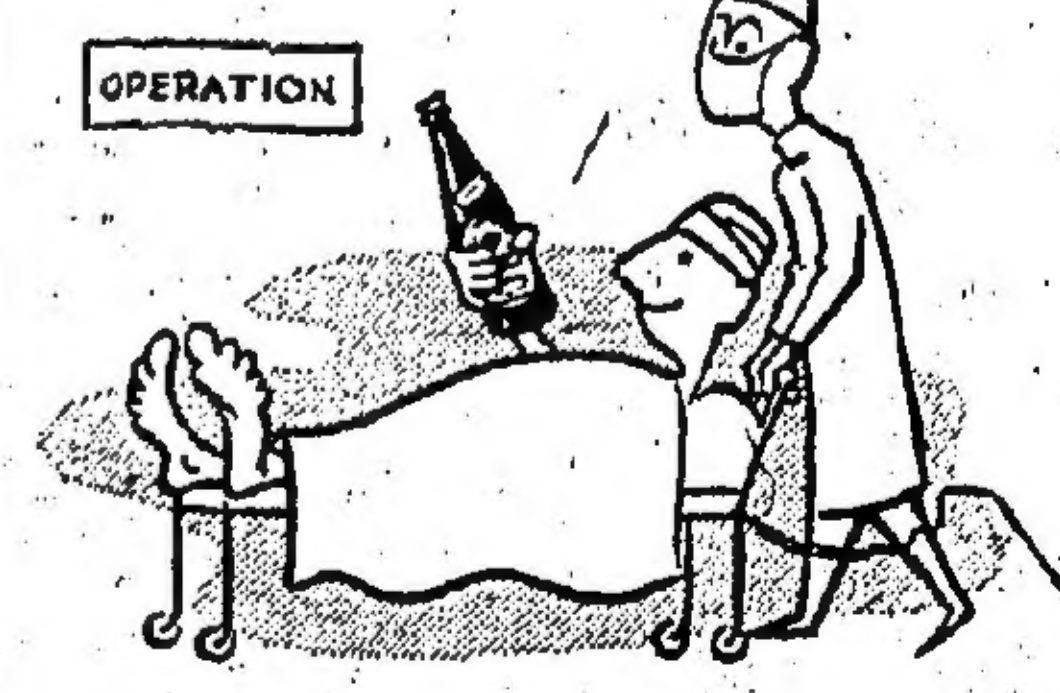
CHARGED WITH LIFT ROBBERY

A 30-year-old storekeeper appeared before Mr E. Corbally at Central Court this morning on a charge of robbery with an offensive weapon.

Mon Do-sang, of 39 Shantung-street, second floor, Kowloon, was remanded for four days in police custody for further inquiries.

It is alleged the defendant, being armed with a dagger, robbed Cheung Kow-kei of three wrist watches in a lift in 85 Queen's-road Central on Saturday.

No plea was taken. Detective Sub-inspector J. A. Nicholas is in charge of the case.



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